

The  
hi-noc-ar

1956

LUANNE HOBBS

Luanne,  
This has been a successful  
year for you. You really  
deserve the best of everything  
important in life. Keep  
up the good work and you  
will be an ultimate  
success in all your  
endeavor.

- Don

Dear "Ladys,"  
One more year  
to be in 2nd. Will we be  
happy or sad? Hol Hol  
This is a real good book  
and I know you are very  
proud of it. You are a real  
cute girl with all the personality  
in the world.  
Love you  
Eleonore  
PJ KIE"

Given to the Library

by

Doug Matthews

What a great  
place you have chosen to  
live in. I hope  
you will be happy  
and do good work.  
Sincerely  
a great friend

Deanne,  
Hasnt this  
year been great?  
We are nearly senior.  
Can you believe it??  
Im looking forward to next year and I know  
we'll have a great time.  
I over  
five \* I think you're tops  
time this year!  
I wish you the  
very best of luck  
away! Good Luck in  
life! Luck to a precious  
one you =

P.S. Im sorry I  
nearly missed your book.

Wish you all  
the best of luck and  
draws. Its a wonderful  
time and a new year  
you are a new person  
and place. Let  
go & have fun  
a lot this summer

Deanne,  
We've had  
such a great  
time this year!  
I think you're tops  
I wish you the  
very best of luck  
away! Good Luck in  
life!

Deanne,  
This year has been the best  
enjoyed our wild times I've really  
remember the day in together  
Good luck to you + Jimmys!!  
You always  
give me  
pixie  
LTD  
pixie

F.D. you're honest & goodness  
"five"

Dear Suzanne  
I have had a lot  
of fun knowing you this  
year. Lots of luck  
in the future

Billy mintt  
(old)

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# ROCKY MOUNT

# The

# STUDENT

# YEARBOOK

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX

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**ROCKY MOUNT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

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The fair has always played an important part in the life of the Rocky Mount citizen—especially the younger ones.

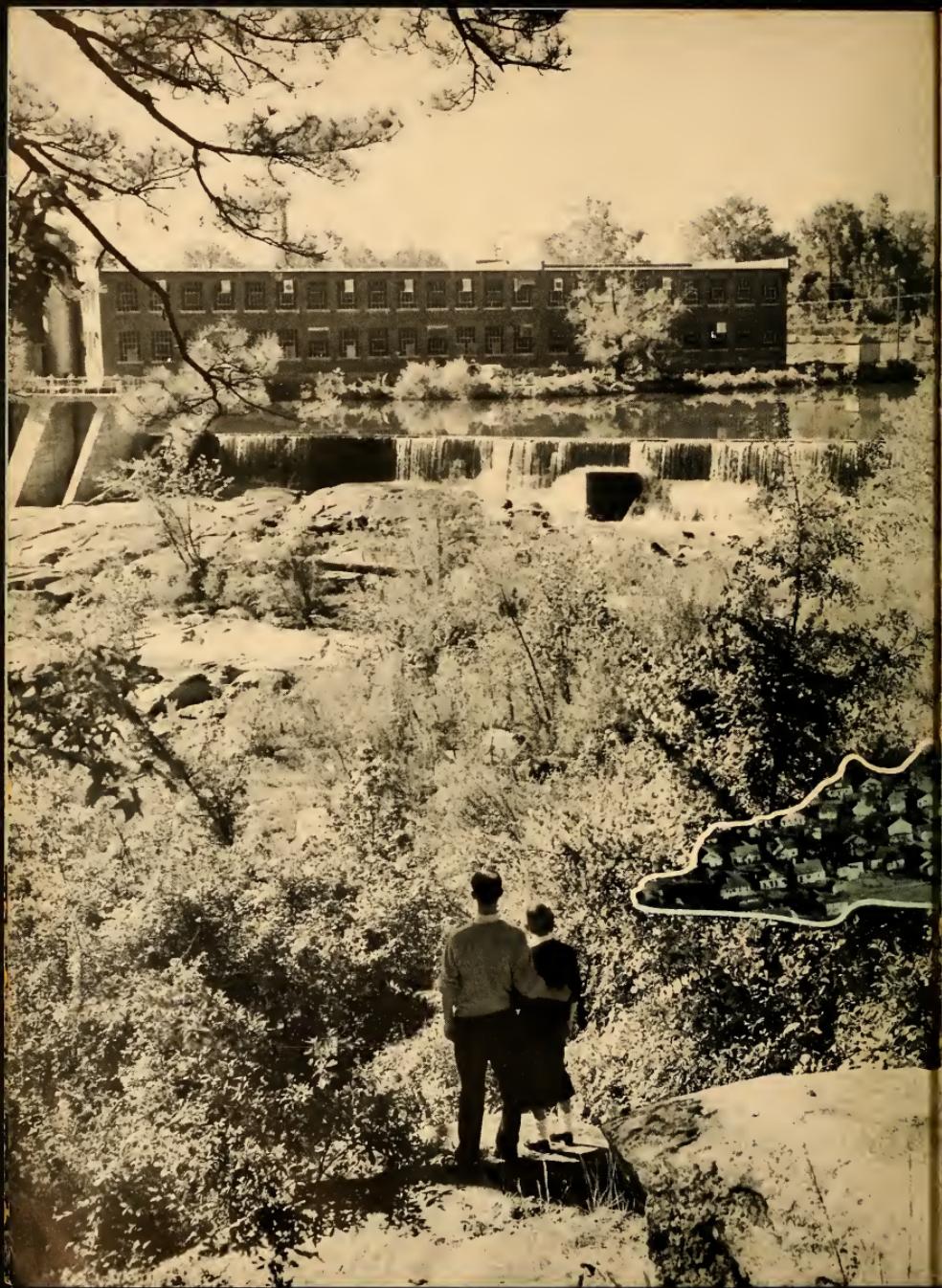




We are justly proud of the Thomas Hackney Braswell Memorial Library. Its fine staff renders many services to our community.

This is "Our Town"—railroad tracks and all—the best place in the world to live!





*...in the eastern section  
of the Old North State  
lies our city of...*





Our beautiful new auditorium plays an important part in community life. For the student it means weekly assemblies, plays and stunt nights; for the citizenry at large it is the scene of community concerts, dramatic productions, and mass meetings of civic, political or religious nature.



Anyone who has ever been a part of R. M. S. H. should recognize these familiar scenes! Who could forget the dash across the breezeway from section A to section B, the eternal tour, the impromptu pep meeting, send-off for the football team, and above all, the special Senior Walk!

*...situated in this  
progressive city is  
our school*



here...

There is opportunity for

"Junior High was never like this," moan Anna Spruill, Reid McAuley and Carol Wilson as they begin their year as sophomores burdened with text books.



*study...*



The shop building is the special pride and joy of Mr. Neal Adkins and his boys, but Leslie Jones is so busy concentrating on the task at hand he can't be bothered to take us on a tour. Some other time??



The members of English 12 B-5 are listening attentively, and sympathetically, as Ida Mae Haddock makes her senior theme talk, knowing full well that their time is coming soon!



Mlle. Craighill and her French students seek the great outdoors as inspiration for study. Here we find them celebrating "Le Jour de l'arbre" under the only available tree on our new campus. Wonder how many members of "Vingt sur Vingt" are in this crowd?

Rocky Mount Senior High School is also the scene of much mental activity. Here the wide variety of courses offered gives each student the opportunity to discover and pursue his own scholastic interest, whether it be college preparatory, commercial, industrial arts, homemaking, distributive education, or a general course of study. If a student wishes to elect courses outside his particular program of study, he may choose from the following: journalism, creative writing, government, psychology, dramatics, chorus, band, art, a foreign language, physical education, a commercial subject, a science, homemaking, mathematics, or an industrial arts elective.

Senior High offers a varied social program, and all students are encouraged to participate. The fall season is always highlighted by the Homecoming Dance and the Christmas Party. This year the Sock Hops proved a successful feature of the Winter Season, and spring brought the wonderful Junior-Senior, class parties and innumerable picnics. "What fun to be a teenager" say Veep Ray Joyner and Campus Sweetheart Tonya Pennington.



*but...*



"Yippee" yells Charlie Sanders as the Hi-Noc-Ar group of Indians and settlers urge the Blackbirds to "Scalp Raleigh!"

Now take a look at those intellectuals playing Scrabble. Fred Ruben, looks mighty pleased. The Midway at the fair offers many attractions, but who could resist cotton candy? "Hey Jean, give us a bite!"

Don't worry, Bruce, the birdie won't bite you. Just keep on hopping along!

*there is time for fun, too...*



Freddy Fulcher and Phil Dickens are trying to master the mysteries of chemistry. Be careful, Freddy, you already have one broken arm!

*is a well rounded curriculum...*



The modern homemaking department appeals to Betty Cockrell and Jean Sugg. Anyone care to taste?



There's always a new set to build, and the members of the dramatics department are becoming adept at carpentry and painting. Foy and Ben prove our point!

*...and always there is active*



It's really a scene from Winter Winderland as our majorettes show off their attractive Christmas outfits —jingle bells and all.



Johany Hughes and Rodney Pittman are busy making money for the Bafo's! Popcorn, anyone?



The Junior Red Cross is always busy making favors for hospital trays. It's Valentine time here, and Dan, Buzzy, Jewel, Jeannie and Karen are learning how to make attractive souvenirs.



This group of juniors is typical of all classes on election day. Our students go to the polls in numbers and learn early to exercise their democratic privilege.

*action in student organizations...*



We are mighty pleased and proud to present Kathryn Batten, local winner of the "I Speak For Democracy" contest.



Just read the signs these students are holding, and you'll get an idea of the variety of contributions made to school and community life by our fine Service Club.



Here's our one man show—Larry Warner—the highlight of assembly programs, leader of "The Cool Ones" and entertainer extraordinary.



"All aboard for Wilmington!" These band members can't resist giving the station master some help in getting "The Blackbird Special" out of the station.

A year is made of many moods and memories. For the student at Senior High there have been many moments to remember: The excitement of reunion the first day of school . . . The confusion of the sophomores . . . The ceaseless chatter of the juniors . . . The determination of the seniors . . . The adjustments of schedules . . . The settling down to everyday routine . . . The delirium of football season . . . The fun of Homecoming Day . . . The Campus Sweetheart . . . The wonderful Christmas Party . . . The anxiety of mid-term exam week . . . Election days . . . Subscription days . . . Saving copies of *The Blackbird* for scrapbooks . . . Plays . . . Concerts . . . Miss Print . . . Beauty queen . . . Spring sports . . . The Junior-Senior . . . then, so quickly, it's Graduation Day—An ending and a beginning—yes—"Memories Are Made of This."

*we treasure...  
both the routine*



Anna, Kay and Ginger are in distinguished company as they pose with Governor Hodges at the opening of 301 bypass.

*and special events...*

Believe it or not—The petite young lady to the right is a governor, too. She's our own Fay Baits—governor of Girls' State!



How proud we were to serve as hosts for the North Carolina Student Council Congress in October! Many new friends were made, and we all felt richer for the fine fellowship we enjoyed.

Fay gets Miss Stevens' autograph after her concert on our stage.



our city  
officials  
speak...



*The City of Rocky Mount*

NORTH CAROLINA

January 16, 1956

To The 1946 Graduates of  
Rocky Mount Senior High School

An educated citizenry is fundamental in the existence of a democracy. Where education ceases, freedom also ceases.

We congratulate you on your achievements which have resulted in your graduation. You now become another group of citizens of Rocky Mount well prepared not only to seek employment and perform the duties of your occupation, but also to take your stand alongside other of our citizens with a better understanding of our type of Government and the things that we need to keep Rocky Mount on its march of progress.

Highly trained personnel is an absolute necessity in order to meet the competition that you will certainly encounter in every field of endeavor. We are happy to extend our best wishes to you for your future success and happiness.

Cordially yours,

*W. C. Divine*  
W. C. Divine  
Mayor

*S. C. MacIntire, Jr.*  
S. C. MacIntire, Jr.  
City Manager



# Dedicated to...

For his unselfish devotion to duty, the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play that he emphasizes in the classroom and on the athletic field, and for his infallible good humor, we, the Hi-Noc-Ar Staff, proudly and affectionately dedicate this 1956 issue to a dedicated teacher . . . a devoted father . . . a Christian gentleman—Cleet Clyde Cleetwood.

He might be "coach" to the high school crowd, but he's just plain Daddy to Lucinda and young Nancy Cleetwood. Mother beams with pride, too.

Always seeking ways to improve plays, Coach Cleetwood uses his "second right hand," the camera, to catch any errors.





CLEET CLYDE CLEETWOOD

teacher - companion - friend



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MR. D. S. JOHNSON  
*Superintendent of Schools*  
A. B., M. A. Duke University



MR. C. M. EDSON  
*Principal of Senior High*  
A. B., M. A. University of North Carolina

## Our Community Is Enriched

It is with great pleasure that I extend greetings to the student body of Senior High School, particularly to the members of the graduating class. Your class was the first to occupy the new plant as sophomores. I am sure you have enjoyed to the fullest the privilege of attending school at this modern plant. As you leave us to enter broad fields of service and training, you can be assured that our best wishes and prayers will go with you.

D. S. JOHNSON, *Superintendent*

This edition of the Hi-Noc-Ar is a glowing record of the achievements, honors, and distinctions of all our students. It is an enviable record and compares most favorably with any in the entire history of our school. This book presents a vivid account of the hardships and the pleasures that combine to mold the citizens of tomorrow. Herein also may be found a deserving tribute to the teachers who have strived valiantly to train the minds, morals, and manners of a generation of leaders. Likewise this volume stands as a monument dedicated to the manifold accomplishments of our Seniors. For them this book is filled with pleasant memories of four fruitful years of activities and associations on our campus.

To our graduates we bid farewell and Godspeed. To our underclassmen we wish for you continued success in the years ahead.

C. M. EDSON, *Principal*



## by Competent Leaders



MRS. A. B. CARR  
*Secretary*



MISS KATE PARKS KITCHIN  
*Dean of Girls, Guidance Counselor*  
A. B. University of North Carolina;  
M. A. Columbia University



### THE SUPERINTENDENT'S STAFF

The ladies in the Superintendent's office rarely have a free moment such as the one pictured here; for through their hands pass all paper work for the eleven schools in our system. Left to right Mrs. Dot Lamm, Miss Glenda Overman and Mrs. Frances Speight.

### SCHOOL BOARD

The Board of Education of the Rocky Mount School District is composed of civic minded citizens working for the betterment of the youth they serve. They bind the ties between the school, the community and industry. Our efficient board is composed of Mrs. T. R. Easterling, Mr. D. S. Johnson, Mrs. Julia Whitehurst, Mr. William Coleman, Mr. G. S. Edwards, Mr. Guy Barnes, Mr. Frank Wilkinson, Mr. J. R. Wells, Mr. Myers Ivey and Mr. L. B. Edwards.

*Others aid in efficient school*



### OFFICE ASSISTANTS

The 1955-56 crop of "Eager Beavers," as they are designated on Awards Day, have proved themselves competent and efficient. Here Judy Carr, Anna Yelverton, Fay Mears, Jean Root and Diana Odom pose for the photographer.

### GUIDANCE CENTER ASSISTANTS

The girls who give their time to work in the Guidance Center really render a valuable service to the entire student body. They give first aid, keep track of lost and found articles, type for all Student Organization committees and serve as hostesses. We proudly present Joyce Harris, Kathryn Batten, Ruth Peele, and Pat Edwards.

The long lines in the cafeteria at lunch time move faster because these young ladies are so busy behind the counter. Jo Sugg, Barbara Webb, and Shirley Pierce watch "Tootsie" Burnett fix a delicious ham salad sandwich.

Mrs. W. G. Proctor is the supervisor of all the luncheonettes in our city school system. Her capable assistants at Senior High are Mrs. Anne Lucas, Mrs. Bettie W. Boone and Mrs. Helen G. Taylor.

*management and service*



These onlookers at the Homecoming Dance are in varying moods. Mrs. Cuthrell and Miss Grant are two of the chaperones, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Barnes of the School Board are also on hand.

## Senior's teachers are friendly door openers to our future

*Row One:* Mr. Neal A. Adkins—B. Ed. Eastern Illinois Teachers College—Industrial Arts. Mr. Ernest G. Black—B. S. East Carolina College—Band Instructor. Miss Laura Boice—B. F. A. Maryland Institute of Fine and Applied Arts—Art. Miss Wita A. Bond—A. B. East Carolina College; M. A. Duke University—Mathematics. Mrs. Sue Bowden—A. B. East Carolina College; M. A. New York University—Commercial Education. Mr. C. C. Cleetwood—M. A. University of N. C., B. S. Appalachian State Teachers' College—Social Studies.

*Row Two:* Miss Dorothy Craighill—A. B. George Washington University—French. Mrs. Hiram Cuthrell—A. B. Woman's College of the University of North Carolina—Spanish, English. Miss Josephine Grant—A. B. East Carolina College—Homemaking. Mr. Ralph Gorham—A. B. University of North Carolina—Social Science. Mrs. Jacqueline Hathcock—A. B. De Pauw University; M. Ed. Emory University—Dramatics. Mrs. Bettisue Hunt—B. S. Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary—Distributive Education.



*I surely  
like Hobbs  
strongly*



*Row One:* Mrs. Kel Landis—B. S. Woman's College of the University of North Carolina—Commercial Education. Mr. C. V. Lundy—B. S. East Tennessee State College—Physical Education. Mr. A. Mallory McGregor—A. B., M. A. University of South Carolina—Mathematics. Mrs. Jay Massey—B. S. Woman's College of the University of North Carolina; M. A. University of New York—Physical Education. Miss Alma Murchison—B. S. Mary Washington College—English. Miss Iola Parker—A. B. Woman's College of the University of North Carolina—History. *Row Two:* Miss Louise Parker—A. B. Duke—Latin. Mr. H. T. Parry—B. S. Drake University—Music. Miss Eleanor Pearshall—A. B. Goucher College; B. S. University of North Carolina—Librarian. Mr. C. E. Privott—B. S., M. A., Wake Forest—Mathematics, Science. Mrs. Gladys Robbins—B. A. Winthrop College—English. Miss Frances Sharpe—A. B. Duke—English. *Row Three:* Mrs. Stanley Vanbuskirk—A. B. Elon College; M. A. Duke University—Biology. Miss Rubie Vause—B. A. Duke University—English. Mrs. T. D. Young—A. B. Duke University—English.

**It's not quite all work and no play for Senior High faculty**

Teachers can go along with a gag, too. Here Mrs. Massey, Miss Vause, Mrs. Cuthrell, and Mrs. Robbins show how some types of students react to an ideal





Mr. L. Y. Shaw, Engineer for the city schools, inspects Senior's heating plant.

Need something fixed, built, or remodeled? Just call on Mr. Cartee, school maintenance supervisor, and you'll get the job done well.

Fixing a broken lock, adjusting the heating system, polishing and cleaning are all part of a day's job for our indispensable staff. Each is an expert in his field, and takes pride in keeping Senior High the safest, most comfortable and cleanest building to be found.

## Behind the scenes they help make our school click

Walter and Allene Howard, and Dan Dixon—our courteous, hardworking custodians.





Mrs. Van is getting things ready for the annual biology exhibit and open house. These arrangements would do credit to a professional.



Theo Pitt (class of '54) and Mrs. Landis are obviously enjoying the delicious refreshments at the Christmas Dance.

## A Teacher's Work Is Never Done

"Now it says, here" . . . Sonny Cherry is trying to instruct Mrs. Hathcock in the art of make-up.

"How about a cookie, Mr. Johnson?" asks Mrs. G. G. Atkins as they enjoy one of the fall dances. This is just another instance of the fine co-operation between the P.T.S.A. and the Administration.





THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY AND



LEARN TOGETHER

# SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

FIRST SEMESTER

*Reading from the top of the ladder down:*

BANKS CURRIN	President
TONY TURNER	Vice-President
NORMA SAVAGE	Secretary
JAMES EZZELL	Treasurer





## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS SECOND SEMESTER

*Reading from left to right:*

DAN JOHNSON	President
JIMMY DAVIS	Vice-President
MINNIE WILLIAMSON	Secretary
CHARLES SANDERS	Treasurer



Robert Jerry Adams  
*Jerry*  
Witty Likeable  
Patricia Rae Alexander  
*Pat* Dependable  
Gracious

Hallie Brake Anderson  
*Hallie*  
Fun-loving Gay  
Sara Catherine Atkins  
*Cacky'* Effervescent Versatile

Charles David Ayscue  
*"Buck"*  
Adventurous Cheerful  
Judith Eugenia Barnes  
*Judy* Intelligent Charming

Sarah Janet Barrett  
*Janet*  
Reserved Friendly  
Patricia Ellen Batchelor  
*Pat* Easy-going Likeable

Ila Kathryn Batten  
*Kathryn*  
Laudable Poised  
Octavius Battle Battle  
*Octave* Witty Animated

## THE SENIOR CLASS

Here we are at the end of the line! The time has come to say good-bye to the good ol' school days' at R.M.S.H.S. as we look forward to either college or a career. The past four years have been short and wonderful. It has been like sailing across a vast ocean. The sea has been rough and it has been smooth but we have made it. Here are just a few of the highlights from our log.

The first day of our journey was probably one of the worst. Yes, most of us were plenty scared of those upper classmen, especially when we infringed upon one of their Senior privileges. Then as the days passed the sea became smoother and our spir-

Willis Fay Batts  
*Fay*  
Personality plus  
Intelligent

Floyd Alexander Bell III  
*"Bunny"*  
Athletic Keen mind

Judith Anne Best  
*Judy*  
Friendly Neat

Roland D. Blankenship  
*Roland*  
Funny Lively





"Sure, Johnny, the elevator is that way," says Jimmy Moore as he gives directions (?) to a new student, Johnny Hughes, as Faye Mears, Judy Barnes, Ann Brinson, Gail Pittman, Sara White, and Joanne Burns watch.

Phillip Cooper Bone Friendly Hard-worker an Hathaway Boone Good-natured Alert	Justice Albert Boyd, Jr. Reserved Nice Council Foy Bradshaw Hard-worker Witty	Frances May Brantley Petite Steady worker Scottie McRay Brantley Nice to know Industrious	David A. Bridges, Jr. Quiet Gentlemanly Betty Rose Brigan Neat Smart	Ann Estelle Brinson Nice to know Co-operative Mena Ann Buchan Vivacious Attractive
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"But honest, Officer, I paid!" cries Alma Daughtridge.

Norma Faye Bullock  
*Norma*  
Hard worker Sparkling

Harriett A. Burnett  
*"Tootsie"*  
Cooperative Fun-loving

Shirley Faye Burnette  
*Shirley*  
Amiable Reliable

Mildred Joanne Burns  
*Joanne*  
Quiet Good-natured

Judith Elaine Carr  
*Judy*  
Talented Cute

William G. Cherry, III  
*"Sonny"*  
Good-looking Intelligent

Robert Lee Chesson, III  
*Bob*  
Good voice Sociable

Betty Lee Cockrell  
*Betty*  
Nice smile Sincere

Herman Alphonso Cole  
*Al*  
Athletic Friendly

Francis Marion Collins  
*Frances*  
Quiet Nice-to-know





Peggy Jo Collins  
Peggy  
Hard worker Reliable

Dorothy Joyce Crocker  
Joyce  
Witty Thoughtful

Lyle Ellis Crumpler  
Lyle  
Good looking Wide awake

Sheila S. Culpepper  
Sheila  
Enthusiastic Considerate

Dudley Banks Currin  
Banks  
Sincere Resourceful

Rosalie Dalton  
Rosalie  
Fun-loving Friendly

Alma May Daughtridge  
Alma  
Sweet Petite

George E. Daughtridge  
George  
Congenial Efficient

Lillian A. Daughtridge  
Lillian  
Pretty Reserved

Janice Ann Davenport  
Janice  
Nice to know Cheerful

## THE SENIOR CLASS

Benjamin T. Davis, Jr.  
Ben  
Easy-going Cooperative

Clara Mae Davis  
Mae  
Sedate Gracious

James Love Davis, III  
Jimmy  
Well-liked Dependable

Janet Catherine Davis  
Janet  
Nice smile Well-dressed



its brightened as we made new friends and fell into step. Second semester rolled around and we elected our first president, Mariah Jane Parker. She did a wonderful job helping to organize our class into one great big team and pulled us through out first magazine campaign with flying colors. That year after we learned parliamentary procedure from Miss Kitchin, most of us decided to become Congressmen. Lillian Daughtridge brought a big honor to our class when she was crowned Miss Print of 1953. As the year was drawing to a close we had our first class party, the Freshman Frolic. Everyone enjoyed all the wonderful food and fun we had at the wiener roast.



Edward Milton Dickens  
*Milton*  
Easy-going Optimistic

George Calvin Dixon  
*George*  
Hard-worker Agreeable

Adrian Bradley Dozier  
*Bradley*  
Friendly Amusing

Euthena Bryan Driver  
*Una*  
Sincere Capable

Mary Frances Edmunds  
*Mary Frances*  
Fun-loving Attractive

Bobby Eugene Edwards  
*Bobby*  
Hard-worker Ambitious

Phyllis Evans Edwards  
*Phyllis*  
Nice smile Sweet

William Ray Edwards  
*Ray*  
Good looking Fun-loving

Hubert Neal Eggleston  
*Neal*  
Energetic Optimistic

Wilbur Bruce Eltridge  
*Bruce*  
Athletic Well-dressed

## THE SENIOR CLASS

The Sophomore year was probably the stormiest with biology and geometry causing some of us to wonder if we would make it. The Harris twins, Fred and Joyce, as presidents, did much to help give our class the fine name that it has. The Freshman Frolic was such a success that the same idea was adopted immediately as the theme for our Sophomore Hop. "How about a coke?" or "That will be 10 cents," were the usual cries heard from us as we worked hard on the concession stand at the basketball games to put money into the class treasury. We can't pass the events of this year up without remembering just how proud we were of

Billy Maydroke Evans  
*Billy*  
Calm Jolly

Jackie Morris Evans  
*Jackie*  
Easy-going Active

Kathleen J. Eveland  
*Kathleen*  
Capable Nice

James Earl Ezell, Jr.  
*James*  
Many friends "Gros Homme"





"Now, if we do it this way . . ." advises Mrs. Robbins.  
Left to right: James Ezzell, Treasurer; Mrs. Gladys Robbins, Senior Advisor; Banks Currin, President

Kathryn Joyce Farris  
*Joyce*  
Intelligent Animated

Glenda Sue Felton  
*Glenda*  
Loves fun Composed

Myra Millicent Floyd  
*Myra*  
Vivacious Eager to please

Georgia Ann Fulghum  
*Georgia*  
Good-natured Poised

Richard Harrison Gay  
*Harrison*  
Amiable Well-liked

Harold Randolph Gilbert  
*Harold*  
Personality plus  
Talented

John C. Gorham, Jr.  
*John*  
Sincere Electricity expert

Lawrence O. Gupton, Jr.  
*Larry*  
Friendly Future opera star

Edward Lee Guy  
*Edward*  
Considerate Unobtrusive

Ida Mae Haddock  
*Mae*  
Enthusiastic Sparkling eyes





Eddie Fisher fans of R. M. S. H. S.?

*Left to right:* Peggy Jones, Joyce Farris, Mariah Jane Parker, Pat Alexander

Ginger Carole Hagan  
Chic *Carole* Petite  
Joseph Ray Harper  
Athletic Likeable

Frederick Henry Harris  
*Fred*  
Versatile Leader  
Joyce Anne Harris  
Popular *Joyce*  
Vivacious

Louise Elizabeth Harris  
*Louise*  
Alert Quiet  
Anne Norment Hatch  
Pretty hair

Andrea Lynn Hatchett  
*Lynn*  
Poised Animated  
Raymond Lee Hollowell  
Talkative Polite

Catherine R. Howard  
*Cathy*  
Sincere Northern accent  
John Henry Hughes, III  
*Johnny*  
Athletic Easy going





Pauline Huneycutt  
Pauline Serene  
Betsy York Hutto  
Betsy  
arrels of fun Talkative

Jos. Coleman Jackson  
Coleman Easy going Nice  
Janice Joyce Jeans  
"Bunny"  
Reserved Gracious smile

Franklin Delano Jenkins  
Delano Neat Quiet  
Dan Cary Johnson  
Dan Efficient Steadfast

Peggy Elizabeth Jones  
Peggy Excellent voice Calm  
Alfred Ray Joyner  
Ray Energetic Loads of fun

Bertie Clifford Joyner  
Bertie Quick-witted Dependable  
Judith Wynette Kabo  
Judy Artistic Gracious

## THE SENIOR CLASS

Audrey Kay Knight  
Kay Well-dressed Blonde  
anley David Kornfeld  
Stanley Nice to know  
Good-looking

Dolores Ann Lamm  
Dolores Blonde Animated  
Charles N. Landen  
Charles Athletic Happy

our new million dollar Senior High with all the latest gadgets.

Now, as we turn another page of our log, we see a long list of many activities and great honors for our Junior year. We had passed the halfway mark and by now most of us were pretty smooth sailors. That year Fred Ruben and Tommy Vaughan were at the helm as our class presidents. Ginger Roney represented our school as an Azalea Festival Princess and was also Maid of Honor in the Junior-Senior Beauty Court. We were quite fortunate in having a German teacher, Miss Ursula Kanzow, as a visitor to our school for a month. She delighted





Luther Louis Landen Jr.

*Luke*  
Well-liked Kind

Vivian Rochelle Langley

*Rochelle*  
Industrious Original

Nannie Louis Lindsey

*Nannie*  
Loves life Friendly

Walter Earl Littleton

*Earl*  
Full of energy Cute

Carolyn Joyce Luper

*Carolyn*  
Neat Capable

Aaron Eugene Matthews

*Eugene*  
Affable Loves radio

Dorothy Louise Matthews

*Dottie*  
Nice smile Gracious

Catherine Page McLamb

*Catherine*  
Sweet Thoughtful

Alice Faye Mears

*Faye*  
Pretty Composed

Paul Joseph Mehle

*Paul*  
Hard-worker Earnest

## THE SENIOR CLASS

all of us with her stories of school life in Germany. We spent many exhausting hours planning the banquet and decorating the gym for the Junior-Senior. Our theme was "Springtime in Paris" and we know that all the messieurs and mademoiselles enjoyed themselves as they danced to the soft, dreamy music of the Southerners. Our honors did not stop with the close of school. Fay Batts was elected Governor of Girls' State and represented North Carolina at Girls' Nation in Washington, D. C. Fred Ruben, as State Treasurer of the N.C.S.C.C., went to the meeting of the National Association of Student Councils in Ardmore, Pa.

Patsy Anne Mellor  
*Patsy*  
Friendly Reliable  
Bruce Carlton Miller  
*Bruce*  
Drum major Considerate

Cornelia Lynne Moore  
*Lynne*  
Modest Neat  
James Godwin Moore  
*Jimmin*  
Ambitious Talented





"Hey, mom, look at me!" exclaims Norma  
Eleanor Bulluck, Jimmy Moore, Norma Bulluck, Miss Print of 1956; Jean Williams, 2nd Place.

Patricia Ann Moore  
Mild-spoken Loyal

Nattie Annette Moore  
Cordial Gay

George L. Morgan, III  
Good "Congressman"  
Self-reliant

Samuel King Mouzon  
Lively athlete Happy

Aaron Bruce Murray  
Aaron Capable Pleasant

Arvie Benjamin Nelms  
Crooner "Bill" Placid

Wilma Delores Nelms  
Neat Considerate

Terry Llewellyn Odom  
Keen mind "Citadel man"

Diana Odom  
Reliable Cheerful

John W. O'Donnell, Jr.  
John Witty Well-groomed





Quiz Kids? Nope, new members of the National Honor Society  
*Seated left to right:* Shirley Burnette, Minnie Williamson, Joyce Farris, Judy Barnes, Norma Savage  
*Standing left to right:* Dan Johnson, Bertice Joyner, George Daughtridge, Dan Boone.

Wendell Kayvon Owens  
 Wendell  
 Earnest Polite

Albert Ray Page  
 Albert  
 Good-looking Gay

Cherry Page  
 Cherry  
 Industrious Witty  
 Amos Wayne Parker  
 Amos  
 Fun-loving Curly hair

Mariah Jane Parker  
 Mariah Jane  
 Personality plus Valuable  
 Patricia Ruth Parrish  
 Pat  
 Captivating Gracious

Doris Ellen Pate  
 Doris  
 Capable Nice smile  
 Jewel Estelle Pearce  
 Jewel  
 Pleasant Friendly

Kenneth Ray Peele  
 Kenneth  
 Wide-awake Vigorous  
 Mary Ruth Peele  
 Ruth  
 Gentle Admirable





Tonya J. Pennington  
Tonya  
Popular Animated  
Gail Pattman  
Nice to know Pretty

Rodney Lee Pittman  
Rodney  
Efficient Considerate  
Sylvia Gwendolyn Poland  
Sylvia  
Loads of fun  
Clever writer

Gene Russell Pridgen  
Gene  
Easy-going Nice  
Joe LaVerne Proctor  
Joe  
Carefree Lively

Patricia Ann Pullen  
Patsy  
Dependable Cheerful  
Bobby Lee Reaves  
Bobby  
Quiet Resourceful

Patricia Casteen Reeves  
Patricia  
Poised Petite  
Dorothy Elaine Ricks  
Dorothy  
Reserved Dainty

## THE SENIOR CLASS

Dorthy Louise Ricks  
Dot  
Lots of fun Attractive  
Eugenia Ricks  
Gladys  
Mild-mannered

Georgia Mae Robinson  
Georgia  
Happy Sociable  
Norman T. Robinson  
Norman  
Easy-going Jolly

Only a few more knots of our journey are left to be reviewed but perhaps they are the most important. Yes, we ourselves became those upper classmen known as Seniors! It was a wonderful feeling! The year was quite full with Banks Currin and Dan Johnson as our presidents. We added more honors to our already overwhelming list. Fred Ruben was the President of the Student Organization and did a wonderful job. We put on a big show when we played host to the North Carolina Student Council Congress. Kathryn Batten was named the D.A.R. girl. Fay Batts represented our city as a Princess at the Tobacco Festival in Richmond. Amid much shouting and applauding, Tonya Pen-





Virginia Lee Roney  
"Ginger"  
Teen-age doll  
Fascinating

Ford Clarence Rowell  
Clarence  
Trust-worthy Considerate

Charles L. Sanders, III  
Charles  
Obliging Good-humored

Tempie Griffin Shearin  
Tempie  
Sweet Dependable

Robert Lee Smith  
Bobby  
Easy-going Actor

Thelma Jean Root  
Jean  
Delightful Resourceful

Frederick Leon Ruben  
Fred  
Ambitious Well-informed

Norma Frances Savage  
Norma  
Hard worker Cute

Sandra Jane Shearon  
Sandra  
Loves life Witty

Margaret Ann Spain  
Margaret  
Gentle Heleful

## THE SENIOR CLASS

nington was crowned Campus Sweetheart. Ol' Saint Nick was mighty good to the Seniors and to Norma Bulluck when he crowned her Miss Print of 1956. Banks Currin, Norma's campaign manager, was named Mr. Rocky Mount High. Our class seems to be full of future military men. Luke Landin and Rodney Pittman received nominations for the Air Force Academy in Denver, and Tommy Vaughan received an appointment to Annapolis with Pat Weaver and Ray Joyner receiving alternate appointments. Jimmy Davis was in there too, receiving an appointment to take the exams for the Coast Guard Academy. As a class project we adopted Bong Dong Sool, a little Korean orphan. He wrote

Alva Donald Stallings  
Donald  
Robust All-round athlete

R. Eugene Starling  
Eugene  
Courageous Mild-spoken

Margaret Ruth Stone  
"Skippy"  
Pretty Intelligent  
Eva Carol Strange  
Carol  
Pleasant Gentle





Hoping that Santa brought them fur coats are Margaret Stone and Anna Yelverton.

Jean Doris Sugg  
Jean Cheerful

Barbara Jean Taylor  
Barbara Pretty

Bettie Jean Taylor  
Jean Graceful

George C. Oscar Taylor  
Oscar Alert

James Ronald Thomas  
Ronald Pleasant Optimistic

Henry A. Thompson Jr.  
Henry Witty Carefree

Philip Hope Threatt  
Philip Amiable Talkative

Anthony Garland Turner  
Tony Conscientious Intelligent

Helen Earlene Valentine  
Earlene Pretty hair Even-tempered

Thomas R. Vaughan, Jr.  
Tommy Popular Versatile





"I told you that you would pass," laughs Sandra.  
Left to right: Banks Currin, Nell Wiggins, and Sandra Shearon.

Peggy Jo Vick  
*Peggy*  
Amiable Gay-hearted  
Patricia Bayard Walker  
*"Bibi"*  
Energetic Clever

Charles Patrick Warren  
*Pat*  
Athletic Fun-loving  
Geo. Clifton Warren, Jr.  
*G. C.*  
Reserved Courteous

Thomas G. Warren  
*Tom*  
Pleasant Hard-worker  
Wilson Henry Warren  
*Henry*  
Loads of fun Lively

Elisha Pat Weaver, II  
*"Butch"*  
Likeable Efficient  
James Paul Weaver, Jr.  
*"Jay"*  
Blushes Happy

Chester Delano Webb  
*C. D.*  
Sincere Good-natured  
Sara Blanche White  
*Sara*  
Cute Talkative





am. Lyman Whitehead  
Lyman  
Active Loads of fun

Carolyn Jean Wilder  
Carolyn  
Fun-loving Witty

Howard Glenn Williams  
Glenn  
Kind Friendly

Jean Glenn Williams  
Jean  
Personality plus  
Easy-going

Barbara F. Winstead  
Barbara  
Composed Thoughtful

Nellie Elizabeth Wiggins  
Nell  
Intelligent Talented

Joseph William Wilhaf  
Billy  
Nice to know Athletic

J. Willard Williams, III  
Willard  
Musician Sincere

Minnie Lou Williamson  
Minnie  
Ambitious Gifted

Cecil G. Winstead, Jr.  
Cecil  
Artistic Easy-going

## THE SENIOR CLASS

George Ella Wood  
Ella  
Competent Neat  
William L. Wright  
Billy  
Nice Quiet

Ann Frances Yelverton  
Anna  
Vivacious Well-dressed  
Gretchen Ann Zabawa  
Reliable Thoughtful

many letters and sent us pictures. We can never forget the wonderful seasons our football and basketball teams had and we were mighty proud of all our Seniors who helped make this possible. The last few days flew by with final exams, Senior Day, Jr.-Sr. Dance, Senior Breakfast, P.T.S.A. supper and at last the big night came when we all marched down the aisle as the members of the 1956 graduating class!

Golly, didn't we have a great class? As we go forth into the world as the young citizens of America, we shall never forget the "dear ol' golden rule days" in the best school, R.M.S.H.S., and in the best town in the U.S.A., Rocky Mount!



# THE JUNIOR CLASS

Possibly no group of students in any high school works harder than the Junior Class. Our school is no exception! The Class of '57 of RMSHS is one of the largest and most active groups of recent years. As Sophomores they led the school in the fund raising magazine campaign, and this year they have provided

outstanding members of athletic teams, publication staffs, and Student Organization committees. The most anticipated event of every school year is the annual Junior-Senior. This year's version was delightful. The Junior Class faces its last year with interest and enthusiasm.

## OFFICERS FIRST SEMESTER

President	ADAM MAPLES
Vice-President	BOBBY SOUTHERLAND
Secretary	CHARLOTTE CARMICHAEL
Treasurer	STAN REID

## SECOND SEMESTER

President	ADAM MAPLES
Vice-President	JOHN PEARSON
Secretary	JANE PALMGREN
Treasurer	RONALD SMITH





*First Row, left to right:* Betty Adams, Robert Anderson, Peggy Andrews, Jo Ann Arrington, Gene Bailey, Kay Barbee, Gloria Barkley. *Second Row:* Donald Barnes, Roy Barnes, Steve Batchelor, Elaine Bell, Christine Boone, Peggy Bridges, Mary Buchan. *Third Row:* Linda Bullock, Eleanor Bullock, Don Birchfield, Love Byrne, Robby Byrne, Judy Capps, Charlotte Carmichael. *Fourth Row:* Johnny Churchill, Pat Clack, Ruth Clay, Marvin Coats, Judy Cobb, Buddy Cockrell, Becky Coley. *Fifth Row:* Earl Cook, Patricia Cooper, Jeannette Corbitt, Jo Cuthrell, Clare Davenport, Barbara Davis, Don Davis. *Sixth Row:* Dan Dawes, Marshall Deans, Phil Dickens, Morrison Divine, Ann Dove, Frances Drake, Harold Eason.

Hesitant At First, But . . .

# As New Opportunities Appeared, Wide

Betsy Edwards  
Jean Edwards  
Pat Edwards  
Joyce English  
Dianne Ezzell  
Faye Faulkner



# Awake Juniors Put Spirit Into Action



# What They Accomplished

Lois Pollard  
Nancy Polson  
John Powell  
Warren Prillman  
Barbara Proctor  
Karen Proctor



# Will Be Remembered By All



Bobbie Pallen  
Patsy Rockley  
Stan Reid  
Ollie Reaves  
Marilyn Richardson  
Margaret Ricks



Betty Lou Savage  
Billy Sessions  
Zora Shipman  
Jackie Skinner  
Carolyn Smith  
Davetta Smith



Alice Starling  
Gene Stewart  
Audie Strickland  
Jo Sugg  
Gail Sutton  
Martha Sutton



Julia Viverette  
Miriam Viverette  
Ronnie Viverette  
Judy Walker  
Harold Walker  
Ray Walker



Bettie Ann Whitehurst  
Beulah Wilkins  
Frank Wilkinson  
Clarence Williams  
Doris Williams  
Hulda Williams



Dan Woodruff  
Gene Wright  
Robert Wynne





See! . . . Girls are just as good ball players as boys. Here Jeanette Perry and Carol Gau- tier are trying to prove it.



Roller coasters can be fun, but from the looks on the faces of Betty Ann Whitehurst and Lee Newby it can be a little scary too!



Judy Garner and Martha Fountain admire some pictures of James Dean, the most recent movie heart-throb.

Mr. Cleetwood shows a film to one of his American History classes. Strange as it may be, the class seems to be enjoying the picture more than he!

Some members of the Kudos Club work as guides in the halls. Did we say "work"?





### OFFICERS

#### FIRST SEMESTER

President	SANDRA MELTON
Vice-President	MOLLY ARNOLD
Secretary	PAT BELL
Treasurer	DAVID BARNEY

#### SECOND SEMESTER

President	ALLEN CRONENBERG
Vice-President	PAT THURMAN
Secretary	BRENDA BURNETTE
Treasurer	MARGARET SUTTON

Beginning their senior high school careers as "dumb", sophs did not deter our tenth-graders from proving themselves capable of being fine students, as well as fine individuals. "Big" upperclassmen provided impetus for them to execute their two major projects (operating the concession stands and presenting the Sophomore Hop) praiseworthily.

## Eager, Inexperienced Sophomores



First Row, left to right: Keith Abbott, Betsy Alexander, James Armstrong, Tommy Armstrong, Molly Arnold, John Baggett, Ernestine Barnes, Milon Barnes, David Barney.

Second Row: Sylvia Barrett, Bobby Battle, Willard Batts, Pat Bell, Donnie Bland, Howard Boykin, Jane Bradley, Becky Brake, Celia Brake.

Third Row: Frank Brake, Pearl Brantley, Wallace Brawley, Barbara Brown, John Brown, Judy Brown, Ray Brown, Ray Bryant, Charlotte Bulluck.

Fourth Row: Lelon Bulluck, Joyce Burgess, Brenda Burnette, Evelyn Cahoon, Caroline Campbell, Joe Capel, Phyllis Carpenter, Bob Carr, Bobby Cash.

Fifth Row: Judy Cawthorne, Ella Cherry, Russell Clack, Tommy Coleman, David Collins, Mitchell Collins, Ned Cooper, David Couch, Pat Coughlin.

Sixth Row: Tommy Craft, Alice Crickmore, Allen Cronenberg, Ricky Crowley, Dennis Culpepper.

Proving Themselves Capable

# Full Of Frolicsome Fun

*Row One:*

Lillian Currie  
Gwen Curran  
Jerry Daley  
Dorsey Daniel  
Bobby Daniels  
Craig Daughtridge



*Row Two:*

Patsy Daughtridge  
Talvin Daughtridge  
Norman Davis  
Jeanne Dixon  
Bill Dunn  
Gene Eason



*Row Three:*

Haywood Edmundson  
Charles Edwards  
Eric Edwards  
Elmer Evans  
Pandora Faircloth  
Bobby Fisher



*Row Four:*

Tony Floyd  
Barbara Gardner  
Freddy Gardner  
Jimmy Gardner  
Ann Gilbert  
Gloria Gold



*Row Five:*

Marilyn Gold  
Billy Griffin  
John Hartin  
Hilda Gray Groves  
Siam Hamad  
Jean Hammond



*Row Six:*

Nancy Harlow  
David Harper  
J. E. Hawkins  
Carol Heck  
Tommy Hedgespeith  
Wynette Hicks



*Row Seven:*

Henry Hinson  
Tommy Hobbs  
William Holland  
Annette Holland  
Sonya Hooker  
Dewey Howard





First Row: Bobby Jackson, Ray Jackson, Danny Jacobs, Clarence James, Ann Johnson, Betty Lou Jones, Joyce Jones, Leslie Jones, Sam Jones.

Second Row: Shirley Jones, Kenneth Jordan, Esther Faye Joyner, Gerald Joyner, Linda Carol Kelly, Alice Kermon, Wayne Knowles, Faye Lamm, Peggy Lamm.

Third Row: Gus Lancaster, Rusty Lancaster, Jimmy Land, Mike Landers, Libby Landin, Sheila Lee, Peggy Leonard, Cray Lester, Patricia Lowder.

Fourth Row: Dorothy Magee, Cecil Marks, Julian May, Reid McAuley, Mitchell McKenny, Evelyn McLamb, Tommy Mears, Larry Medford, Sandra Melton.

Fifth Row: Sammy Meyer, Bob Moore, Gerry Moore, Irma Mooring, Andy Morgan, Faye Nelms, Judy Nelms, Eugenia Norment, Alton Oakley.

Sixth Row: Ella Geneva Owens, Sonja Paris, Jimmy Parker, Judy Parker, Nancy Parker.

But Pressed With Private Problems

# And Exploring New Horizons

## Row One:

Marilyn Pearce  
Autry Peeler  
Billy Peeler  
Jimmy Perry  
Judy Perry  
Ronald Perry



## Row Two:

Bobby Pierce  
Fannie Mae Polson  
John Paul Poll  
Betty Lou Price  
Edith Pridgen  
Linda Gail Pridgen



## Row Three:

George Putnam  
Margaret Raynor  
Joyce Ann Reams  
Tommy Reese  
Dan Robbins  
Ronald Roberson



## Row Four:

Danny Rogers  
Mack Rose  
Mary Ruth Rotter  
Betty Sallee  
Roger Sellers  
Clinton Sharpe



## Row Five:

Sandra Shaw  
Peggy Singletary  
Leighton Smith  
Barbara Southerland  
Anna Spruill  
Alice Stanley



## Row Six:

George Staton  
John Sturges  
Heber Sutton  
Julia Sutton  
Margaret Sutton  
Dorothy Sykes



## Row Seven:

Kenneth Tarleton  
Blanche Taylor  
Patsy Taylor  
Vickie Taylor  
Kyle Thomas  
Janice Thompson





First Row: Wilmer Thompson, Jimmy Thorpe, Carol Threatt, Buzzy Tilley, Kay Tolier, Claudia Tolston, Perry Toy.

Second Row: Jean Trevathan, Kenneth Tucker, Kay Turnage, Adrian Turner, Rena Vasilakou, Stanley Vaughan, Peggy Viverette.

Third Row: Ann Walston, Larry Ward, Jimmy Waters, Jean Watson, Louise Watts, Dan Wester, Janie Wester.

Fourth Row: Ray White, Tommy Whitley, Eddie Wilhalf, Durwood Williams, Joe Williams, Milton Williams, Carol Wilson.

Fifth Row: Mary B. Wimberley, Bill Winters, Chips Wood, Al Wordsworth, Carolyn Yount.

**IN MEMORY OF**

Billy Dove - August 10, 1940 - December 27, 1955



"Dig that crazy grasshopper."

## Sophomores at "Work"



"Therefore angle A . . ."



"Now this contraption . . ."



"Have any sleeping pills?"



Ah ha! Not paying attention.



"Oh, why did I take Latin?"



The Privilege To Participate In



## School Activities

# STUDENT ORGANIZATION



Shown checking the minutes of a previous meeting are our Student Organization officers who played a big part in the year's work. They are, left to right: Tommy Vaughan, Treasurer; Pat Parrish, Secretary; Fred Ruben, President; Miss Kate Parks Kitchen, Advisor; Ray Joyner, Vice-President; and Dan Boone, Parliamentarian.

The Student Organization through its three divisions—the general organization, the class, and the homeroom—provides an opportunity for student initiative and participation in the promotion of the democratic process in student life. The officers, chosen by their respective members, endeavor to serve to lead and represent the students in all phases of school life—locally and in co-operation with larger groups.

The year 1955-56 has been a banner year for the R. M. S. R. S. Student Organization. In the summer of 1955 our President Fred Ruben attended the convention of the National Association of Student Councils at Ardmore, Pennsylvania. In October our Student Organization played host to the North Carolina Student Council Congress. In November our Organization for the first time sent representatives to the convention of the Southern Regional Association meeting in Columbia, S. C.

The Student Store this year under the capable management of Kathryn Batten has expanded its services to the students. Though profit is being constantly reinvested in new equipment, the store is not well-established as a successful Student Organization project.

The Social Committee with the financial help and advice of the P. T. S. A., the Kiwanis Club, the Junior Guild, and other groups in town has worked diligently to lay the foundation for an expanding social program for Rocky Mount Youth.

Plans are now being made to bring a foreign exchange

## To Encourage Interest In All Recognized School

Guided by the President's Cabinet, the Student Organization successfully completed many projects during the year. The cabinet was composed of (seated, left to right) Kathryn Batten, Manager of Student Store; Tommy Vaughan, Treasurer; Joyce Harris, Lost and Found Committee Chairman; Fred Ruben, President; Pat Parrish, Secretary; Ray Joyner, Vice-President; Cacky Atkins, Elections Committee Chairman; (standing, left to right) Mariah Jane Parker, Publicity Chairman; Fred Harris, Hi-No-Ar Editor; Jimmy Moore, Blackbird Editor; Rodney Pittman, Traffic Committee Chairman; Jimmy Davis, Fire Drill Committee Chairman; Dan Boone, Parliamentarian; and Margaret Stone, Social Committee Chairman.



student to our high school. If this project can be successfully concluded, the promise and benefits are great.

For the third time a Student Directory was published, but for the first time it was printed entirely in type.

Other committees have functioned adequately. Voting percentages in school elections have been high. The Lost and Found Committee has operated daily. The Traffic and Fire Drill Committees have fulfilled their constitutional obligations. The House and Grounds Committee has made an effort to inspire greater pride in the care of our building and grounds. The Publicity Committee has continued the weekly publication of *Hi-Lites* in *The Evening Telegram*. The regular weekly assemblies have been held.

The Student Organization has cooperated in the presentation of Victor Herbert's *The Fortune Teller* and contributed to the aesthetic and financial success of that undertaking.

The Student Organization met squarely the challenge of failing cafeteria patronage. With the voluntary co-operation of all students, the number of plates served daily in the cafeteria was substantially increased. The cafeteria was not closed!

The work of the Student Organization demands daily planning and effort. The degree of success it has enjoyed is the result of co-operative effort. Rocky Mount Senior High School is a better school than it could otherwise be.



Carrying out one of the Student Organization duties, Ruth Peele, a member of the Lost and Found Committee, returns a scarf to Pat Edwards.

## Activities; Stress Scholarship, Leadership, Service...

Student Organization Representatives are seated, left to right. Row One: Katherine McLamb, Peggy Jo Vick, Jane Davis, Minnie Williamson, Mena Buchan, Norma Savage, George Daughridge. Row Two: Stanley Kornfeld, Al Cole, Clarence Royal, Luke Landin, Pat Alexander, Judy Barnes. Row Three: Carolyn Langley, Bobbie Pullen, Clare Davenport, Ellen Joyner, Jean Edwards, Bettie Ann Whitehurst. Row Four: Gloria Barkley, Billy Sessions, Anna Smithson, Bill Waters, Warren Prudgen. Standing, left to right: Craig Daughridge, Carol Threatt, Eugenia Norment, Judy Brown, Jane Bradley, Peggy Lamm, Anna Spruill, Blount Taylor, Tommy Craft, Bill Dunn, Allen Cronenberg, Russell Clack, Alton Oakley, and David Harper.



# Pictures Taken, Layouts Made, Copy Written,



Bearing the responsibility that goes along with laying out the Hi-Noc-Ar each year, they did a wonderful job in discharging their duties. (Top, left to right: Fred Harris, Editor; Charles Sanders, Business Manager; Bottom, left to right: Margaret Stone, Advertising Manager; and Fay Batts, Circulation Manager.)

If you had seen the Hi-Noc-Ar room before the door was closed to anyone but staff members, you might have wondered how we would ever straighten out the conglomeration of receipt books, pictures, ad copy, posters, and old annuals. Well, we did—and this book is the result.

The joy of beginning at last, the courage to approach a prospective advertiser, the thrill of selecting a theme and seeing the layout take shape, the seriousness of choosing the one to whom the book is dedicated, the fun of setting up pictures for James and "Bugs," the effort spent on copy that wasn't used, the fear of that last big deadline—all these were

## THE 1956

Fred and Miss "Murk", Advisor, check pictures with Bettie Ann Whitehurst while Tommy Vaughan and Fay Batts watch Adam Maples tear up one of Bug's cameras.



etc. . . , etc. . .

a part of our year's work.

There was a light side, too. We had loads of fun decorating the Hi-Noc-Ar float for the Homecoming Parade—and we won first prize for the second straight year. Then in March, the staff went to New York for the Columbia Press Association Convention and several days of sight-seeing. A fine reward for fine work.

The greatest joy, however, was completing the book and taking it to Charlotte. Then came our desired reward—the smiles and praise of our fellow students as they looked for the first time at our creation—the 1956 Hi-Noc-Ar!

## HI-NOC-AR

The Hi-Noc-Ar staff poses for a group picture before leaving in "Bugs", Barringer's new car. Off to a day of getting ads and left to right: Jean Edwards, Larry Warner, Lee Newby, Charles Sanders, Debbie Ann Williams, Fay Batts, Luanne Hobbs, Margaret Stone and Cacky Atkins and (on the other side of the car) Tommy Vaughan, Adam Maples, Judy Kabo, Fred Harris, and Tony Turner.



Lee Newby, Larry Warner, and Jean Edwards look for ideas in old annuals as Charles Sanders and Judy Kabo review the year's design.

Miss Frances Sharpe and Luanne Hobbs proof an ad page as "Skippy" Stone, Cacky Atkins, and Tony Turner study a montage layout.





## THE BLACKBIRD

*The Blackbird* staff has tried to maintain and improve the caliber of work done by past staffs to give the students interesting coverage of their school activities in words and pictures according to best journalistic techniques.

To do this it has continued affiliation with the CSPA in an effort to better *The Blackbird* through the Association's criticisms and comments.

For further student service and enjoyment the staff participated in the Homecoming Parade, conducted the Miss Print contest, and sponsored the beautiful Junior-Senior beauty coronation.

The students make *The Blackbird*. It records for them.

Largely responsible for the success of *The Blackbird* in the past year were the Editor, Jimmy Moore; the Business Manager, Norma Bulluck; and the Adviser, Mrs. T. D. Young.

## Reporting Your Activities

Shown tabulating votes for the Junior-Senior Beauty Court are Clare Davenport, Sonny Cherry, and Don Harris.

Preparing copy for publication are Barbara Davis, typing; Edward Riner and Kelsey McGee, receiving typed material; and Lois Pollard, copyreading.





The Miss Print Contest, sponsored by *The Blackbird* each year, was won by Miss Norma Bulluck. On her left is "Mr. RMSHS," Banks Currin, and Santa's helper, Miss Eleanor Bullock is on her right.



Writing headlines is an essential part of the publication, as John Pearson and Martha Ann Fountain will tell you. Ellen Joyner and Jean Williams are preparing pictures by cropping.

## In Words And Pictures

Gail Sutton checks on unit count in a headline while Ed Justa looks at a layout. Ad men James Ezzell and Foy Bradshaw are figuring the number of inches for an approaching issue.





## BAND

Under the capable baton of Ernest Black, the eighty piece R.M.S.H.S. Band entertained thousands of football spectators. With Bruce Miller as Drum Major, they highlighted the half with their original formations and marches. Organizing a dance band, they played for various gatherings. After the football season they transformed from a marching band to a concert orchestra by participating in the State Contest for the first time in ten years. Thus ended a distinctive year of music.

Mr. Black explains the correct position for holding a horn to Jo Sugg and Bobby Fisher.

The dance band was organized this year to provide a supervised club for band or music students. Practicing a new arrangement are Jimmy Moore, Margaret Sutton, Jimmy Gardner, Jimmy Hoell, Herman Harsey, Marshall Deans, Wilmer Shearon, John Fleming, Don Lancaster, Willard Batts, Bobby Fisher, Gene Eason, and Martha Sutton.

## Masters Of Melody And Marching

Members of the R.M.S.H.S. Band are: *First Row, left to right*, Drum Major Bruce Miller, Elaine Bell, Rosalie Dalton, Jean Taylor, Linda Ezzell, Anna Warren; *Second Row*: Jean Sugg, Gene Eason, Bobby Fisher, Zeno Williams, John Fleming, Willard Batts, Randy Dobbs, Daniel Powell, Willie Moore, Francis Collins, Cora Sugg, Jo Sugg; *Third Row*: Katie Tyner, Johnny Pitt, Turner Coley, Bobby Collins, Gloria Lee, Jim Hamilton, Eddie Tyler, Alvin Leonard, Jimmy Corey, Ronald King, Jimmy Hoell, Martha Sutton; *Fourth Row*: Ray Walker, Tomie Johnson, Carl Stine, Jim Gardner, James Stine, Robin Deelman, Dewey Deelman, Johnny Avent, Beverly Hall, Jimmy Moore, Roger Sellers, Danny Jacobs; *Fifth Row*: Betty Edwards, Willie Williams, Harry Anderson, Jim Baldwin, Mary F. Barnes, Jimmy Norville, Wilma Shearon, Skip Brawley, Kenneth Watson, Herman Harsey, Don Lancaster, Ronald Garner; *Sixth Row*: Margaret Sutton, Sammy Gordan, Roger Barnes, Gale Koone, Marshall Deans, Bill Stancil, Carl Spencer, Boyd Collins, Tony Eggleston, Dennis Barnes, Esther Joyner, Pat Reaves, John Singletary; *Seventh Row*: Director Ernest Black, Dewey Howard, Gus Lancaster, John Grady, and Mickey Hall.





Director Harold T. Parry explains a special adaptation to Judy Brown, the Choir's accompanist.

Waiting for Mitch Collins and Foy Bradshaw to set up the risers, choir members Stanley Vaughan, Henry Warren, Larry Gupton, Linda Pittman, Ben Davis, Peggy Jones, Bradley Dozier, Neal Eggleston, Nannie Lindsey, Lyman Whitehead, and Sandra Shearon are anxious to begin the concert.

Under the direction of Harold T. Parry, the R.M.S.H.S. Choir gave a brilliant season of musical concerts for various organizations. A successful operetta, *The Fortune Teller*, and spring concert highlighted the year's achievements.

## R. M. S. H. S. Choir – The Best In Voices

Members of the Choir are: First Row, left to right: Judy Brown, Marilyn Richardson, Lynn Hatchett, Peggy Jones, Nannie Lindsey, Mary Frances Norford, Wayne Knowles, Eugene Starling, Glenn Williams, Carol Strange, Judy Nohes, William Nelson, Eugene Valentine, Pat Reeves; Second Row: Gloria Gold, Judy Carr, Pat Johnson, Dianne Ezzell, Shirley Ruffin, Charlotte Bullock, Jeannie Dixon, Larry Gupton, Stanley Vaughan, Ronald King, Lillian Currie, Thomasine Farmer; Third Row: Ernestine Barnes, Linda Gail Pridgen, Brenda Burnette, Judy Powell, Irma Mooring, Lee Bullock, Ben Davis, Mac Rose, Jeanette Brantley, Jean Hammond, Pat Clark, Paul Daughridge, Ann Dove, Mr. Parry; Fourth Row: Martha Sutton, Glenda Felton, Sandra Shearon, Dianne Odum, Mena Buchanan, Linda Pittman, Ruth Frazier, Billie Griffin, Bruce Miller, Ray White, Henry Warren, Danny Rogers, Dan Johnson, Lyman Whitehead, Bradley Dozier, Reid McAuley, Neal Eggleston.





Musette members are seated: Pat Reeves, Carol Threatt, Patsy Higson, Sylvia Poland, Betsy Alexander, Linda Carole Kelley, Marilyn Gold; standing: Mary B. Wimberley, Elbert Robbins, Patricia Edwards, Kay Turnage, Perry Taylor, Patsy Taylor, Molly Arnold, Carol Wilson, Edward Riner, and Kathryn Battien.

## MUSSETTES

With the exploration of the nature of responsibilities and opportunities of teaching as their main object, the Future Teachers of America undertake many worthwhile projects.

During the past year, the F.T.A. club, known as the Musettes, helped teachers with paper work or substituted for them; aided the P.T.S.A. by baby-sitting for parents; remembered retired teachers with Christmas arrangements; and studied the characteristics of good teachers, the requirements for teaching, the salaries; and the retirement system.

## To Become Teachers Of The Future

*Fall Officers:* Sylvia Poland, President; Carol Wilson, Secretary; Marilyn Gold, Vice-President; and Patricia Edwards, Treasurer, go over an outline of the year's work with Mrs. S. E. Vanbuskirk, Advisor.

*Spring Officers:* Kay Turnage, Vice-President; Carol Threatt, President; Linda Carole Kelley, Secretary; and Betsy Alexander, Treasurer, put the finishing touches on a Musette bulletin board.





Members of the Good Sports Club are, seated, left to right: Mrs. Landis, Joyce Farris, Peggy Jones, Norma Savage, Judy Carr, Norma Bullock, Gail Pittman, Ann Brinson, Sylvia Updegraff; standing: Nell Wigginas, Alma Daughtridge, Tonya Pennington, Minnie Williamson, Catherine McLamb, Janet Davis, Sara White, Hallie Anderson, Patsy Pullen, Glenda Felton, Diana Odom, Janice Davenport, Georgia Fulghum, Kitty Thurman, Davetta Smith, Frances Gay, Beulah Wilkins, Judy Garner, Betty Adams, Peggy Andrews, Jo Dare Williams, Barbara Davis, Shirley Burnette, and Jean Root.

## Builders Of Good Sportsmanship

Preparing ribbons for sale are Norma Bullock, Vice-President; Sheila Culpepper, President; Judy Carr, Treasurer; Norma Savage, Secretary; and Mrs. Corinne Landis, Advisor. Alma Daughtridge, Glenda Felton, Georgia Fulghum, and Janice Davenport begin to worry about paying for enough food to feed the boys.

### GOOD SPORTS

Promoting good sportsmanship; increasing school spirit; giving moral support to our athletics—these are the objectives of the Good Sports Club. Carrying out its aims, the club members place sportsmanship posters throughout the school, decorate the goal posts, make corsages for Homecoming, and encourage participation in all school activities, especially athletics.

Selling ribbons for each football game was one of its biggest projects, and the year's work was climaxed by giving the annual picnic for the boys who participated in any sport.



## Developing Musical Talents



## Junior Music Club

While developing musical talents and abilities, members of the Junior Music Club learn more about music and the musicians in whom they are interested. President Peggy Jones plays a catchy composition as club members Luanne Hobbs, Nell Wiggin, Larry Gupton, Mariah Jane Parker, Norma Bulluck, Margaret Sutton, Jean Sugg, Martha Sutton, Cacky Atkins, Shirley Burnette, Minnie Williamson, Willard Williams, Judy Brown, Marilyn Richardson, Frances Gay, Jo Dare Williams, and Fay Batts (in front of piano) await their chance to perform.

## Encouraging High Ideals

### Tri-Hi-Y

After bringing together a group of girls interested in Christian standards for personal living, the Tri-Hi-Y promotes clean living, clean speech, clean athletics and clean scholarship. Members of the club are, seated: Anita Taylor, Beulah Wilkins, Frances Osborne, Reporter Faye Kirkland, Treasurer Martha Sutton, President Jane Palmgren, Secretary Pat Clack, Elaine Bell, Rena Walker, Anna Smithson, Hulda Williams, Charlotte Carmichael, standing: Ruth Frazier, and Davetta Smith.



Character • Scholarship • Leadership • Service

## National Honor Society

Students who have excelled in the fields of scholarship, leadership, character, and service are honored by being selected by their teachers and classmates for membership in the National Honor Society. The Roanoke Chapter carried out many worthwhile projects with Miss Wita Bond as its adviser.

National Honor Society members are, *First Row, left to right:* Norma Bullock, Cacky Atkins, George Daughtridge, Tommy Vaughan, Joyce Harris, Harold Gilbert, Shirley Burnette, Tony Turner, *Second Row:* Joyce Farris, Fay Batts, Kathryn Batten, Judy Barnes, Norma Savage, Sheila Culpepper, Minnie Williamson, Miss Bond, *Third Row:* Fred Harris, Bertice Joyner, Dan Johnson, Fred Ruben, and Dan Boone.



## Concerned For Others



## Junior Red Cross

The Junior Red Cross, a group of junior members of the American Red Cross, is always ready to lend a helping hand whenever needed. Under the direction of Student Leader Jewel Pearce and adviser, Mrs. Cuthrell, the Junior Red Cross made tray favors and nut cups during each holiday for service hospitals in North Carolina.

Members of the Junior Red Cross are, *left to right:* Jeannie Dixon, Rochelle Langley, Dan Dawes, Elizabeth Landin, Roy Price, Cecil Winstead, Buzzy Tilley, Shirley Ruffin, Ella Wood, Ruth Frazier, Pearl Brantley, Betty Webb, Mrs. Cuthrell, Jean Trevathan, Wynette Hicks, Alice Kermont, Joyce Burgess, and Frances Brantley.



Mr. Edson receives a new U. S. flag from Dan Johnson and Fred Ruben. Myra Floyd and Louise Harris wait in the background.

Busily polishing school trophies, Service Club officers complete a year of service. Really putting on a shine are Don Harris, Treasurer; Lynn Hatchett, Vice-President; Clare Davenport, Chaplain; Mariah Jane Parker, President; and Joyce Harris, Secretary.

## SERVICE CLUB

The purpose of the Service Club is to serve the school and the community in as many capacities as possible. Students who have shown a distinct loyalty to the school, outstanding character traits and, above all, a willingness to serve are selected for membership by the teachers and active members.

A few of its many projects include: raising and lowering the flag each day; presenting devotionals in assemblies and P.T.S.A. meetings; giving help to needy families; and participating in other community projects.

## Serving The School And The Community

Service Club members are, *First Row, left to right:* Ellen Joyner, Janice Smith, Charlotte Carmichael; *Second Row:* George Daughtridge, Clare Davenport, Eleanor Bullock, Betty Lou Savage; *Third Row:* Martha Ann Fountain, Jane Pardegen, Fred Ruben, Sandra Shelton, Jean Sugg; *Fourth Row:* Frank Wilkinson, Mary Rhodes Shadford, Lynn Hatchett, Mariah Jane Parker, Joyce Harris; *Fifth Row:* Don Harris, Dan Johnson, Frances Osborne, Henry Warren, Jean Williams, Bill Walker, Louise Harris, Anna Yelverton, Cathy Howard, Peggy Vicki; *Standing:* John Gorham, Robert Wynn, Buddy Cockrell, Faye Kirkland, Banks Currin, Anita Taylor, Myra Floyd, and Mrs. Robbins.



# EDSONIAN DRAMATIC ORGANIZATION

"Act well your part; there all the honor lies"—the motto of the E.D.O. embodies the spirit and ambitions of our local troupers.

Members are: First Row, left to right: Barbara Davis, Betty Adams, Frances Gay, Dot Ricks, Peggy Vick, Betsy Hutto, Rochelle Langford, Mena Buchan, Larry Warner, Eleanor Bullock, Ola Strand, Una Davis, Shirley Rutherford, Marilyn Gold, Judy Garner, Martha Fountain, Eugene Starling; Second Row: Cecil Winstead, Tony Floyd, Tommy Hedgepeth, Roland Blankenship, Mitchell Collins, Joe Proctor, Henry Warren, Ben Davis, Adrienne Turner, Harrison Gay, O. L. Hart, Ned Edwards; Third Row: Fay Bradshaw, Henry Thompson, Bill Winters, Tommy Craft, Ray Bryant, Octave Battle, Sonny Cherry, Bobby Smith, Willard Williams, Aaron Matthews, and Tommy Armstrong.



## BLACK MASQUERS

Organized to honor students who excel in the field of dramatics, the Black Masquers include those who have participated in three major productions. Membership in this honorary society is a goal sought by every young thespian.

Posing with plaques from past productions are, seated, left to right: Peggy Jones, President Graham Adams, Mac Davis, Sandra Shearon; standing: George Dixon, Henry Thompson, Foy Bradshaw, Bob Chesson, Tommy Patton.



Mrs. Jackie Hathcock, director, led the Dramatics Department through a fine year of work.

Checking last minute details is always a trying task for Edsonian officers. Mena Buchan, Secretary, looks for more grease paint; Larry Warner, President, goes over his lines; and Eleanor Bullock, Vice-President, makes a final tally of ticket sales.

A big part of the work always falls on the stage crew. Graham Adams and Henry Thompson fix the gelatin for a spot, Mitchell Collins plugs in extra lights, and Foy Bradshaw and Tommy Hedgepeth control the sound effects.

## "The Stage Is Their World of Fantasy"

## Praiseworthy Aims—Helpful Hands



## KUDOS KLUB

The Kudos Klub, formed this year, is the newest service club in our school. Without wasting any time it has become a big asset to the school and the community.

Ruth Clay, second semester president, presides at a regular meeting while Pat Johnson, first semester president, takes notes. Other Kudos Klub members are: left to right: Carolyn Langley, Judy Cobb, Bobbi Pullen, Zora Shipman, Retha Kermon, Ann Dove, Rachel Goodwin, Jo Jo Cuthrell, Pat Johnson, Advisor Mrs. T. D. Young, Carolyn Smith, Kay Barbee, and William Faulkner.

## Learning About Ancient Cultures

### JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

The Junior Classical League encourages among young people an interest in the ancient cultures of Rome and Greece. Formed this year, the members of the local club are: *Front Row:* Esther Joyner, Carolyn Yount, Sonya Hooker, Dan Robbins, Eugenia Norment; *Second Row:* Judy Powell, Lillian Currie, Stanley Vaughan, Judy Brown, Pat Bell, Brenda Burnette, Dorothy Sykes, Anna Spruill, Barbara Southerland, Molly Arnold; *Third Row:* Margaret Sulton, Judy Perry, David Barney, Ronald Roberson, Lela Bulluck, Bill Dunn, Allen Cronenberg, Frank Brake, Carol Threlatt, John Sturges, Vickie Taylor, David Harper, Patsy Daughridge, Jane Bradley, Nancy Harlow, Sylvia Barrett, Gwen Currin, and Sheila Lee. Miss Louise Parker is the advisor.



## Promoters Of Better Athletics

### BAFOS

While promoting Better Athletics For Our School is the BAFOS main project, they undertake many smaller ones. This year, with profits from popcorn sales, they purchased a power megaphone for the school and helped sponsor the public address system at the football games. At the end of the year, a one hundred dollar scholarship was awarded to a deserving boy who plans to continue his education.

Members of the Bafos are, *First Row*: Boogie Divine, Rodney Pittman, Tommy Patton, Harold Gilbert, Al Cole, James Parker; *Second Row*: Billy Wilhaf, Jackie Skinner, Sammy Mouzon, Jackie Williams, Mike Willford, Ray Joyner; *Third Row*: Jimmy Davis, Pat Warren, Donald Stalling, Ray Harper, "Bunny" Bell, and Charles Landen.



## Studying The Bible And Its Teachings



### BIBLE STUDY CLUB

The Bible Study Club, meeting with different clergymen, learned about a book or portion of the Bible each week; and visits were made to the various churches, making possible a better understanding of each religion.

Members of the Bible Study Club are: *Girls, left to right:* Ella Chene, Charlotte Bullock, Annette Holland, Betty Lou Price, Peggy Leonard, Iris Edwards, Mary Ruth Peeler, Judy Parker, Janice Daughtridge, Louise Watts, Thomasine Farmer, Joyce Griffin, Dorothy Sykes, Miss Louise Parker, first semester advisor, and Miss Iola Parker, second semester advisor; *Boys, left to right:* Wayne Knowles, John Bland, Bill Wright, Milon Barnes, and President Luke Landin.



Developing competent, cooperative, and self-reliant leadership in the field of distribution, the Distributive Education Club, a member of the W.E.C.A., encourages the use of high ethical standards in business. Members of the D.E. Club foster a deep

feeling of responsibility by contributing through school and business activities to the civic, social, and moral welfare of the community; and engender a healthy respect for vocational education and a desire to keep abreast of current developments in business.

## Developing Leadership In Business

The D.E. Club members are: Standing, left to right: Ronnie Viverette, Mrs. Bettisue Hunt, George Dixon, Charles Ezell, Jo Ann Jackson, Frances Drake, Earl Griffin; First Row: Scottie Brantley, Gene Wright, Aaron Murray, Charles Ayers, Donnabelle Viverette, Edna Tyson, Shirley Rose, Christine Boone, Lynne Moore, Coleman Jackson, Edward Guy, Charles Staton; Third Row: Nancy Polson, Barbara Odom, Gene Pridgen, Kenneth Peeler, and Harold Martin.

## D. E. CLUB

The D.E. Club, as one of its projects, entered a float in the Homecoming Parade. Julia Viverette, Gene Wright, Aaron Murray, and Jewel Powell act out different occupations.

Christine Boone practices her selling techniques on Mrs. Bettisue Hunt, advisor, as Mr. Jake Rosenbloom, Rosenbloom-Levy co-manager, looks on.





With "Service Over Self" in service to the school and the community at its heart, the S.O.S. Club carried out many projects during the year. A few of them were: selling tickets to the Grass Roots Opera; selling Christmas wrapping paper; watering the plants in the lobby; supplying Christmas cheer for a needy family; trying to increase school spirit by having welcoming committees at games; making a scrapbook and club badges.

Although this is only the second year of the club's existence, it has been very outstanding in the school and civic affairs.

A lot of work went into the S.O.S. Club Homecoming float. Posing around it are Larry Gupton, Al Boyd, Betty Cockrell, Becky Coley, June Barnes, Bertrice Joyner, Mary Frances Edmunds, and Judy MacLae (standing on float).

One S.O.S. project was making club badges. Looking at them with pride are (seated) Mena Buchan and standing, left to right, Bertrice Joyner, John Churchill, Clarence Rowell, Mae Davis, Larry Gupton, and Judy Barnes.

## Putting Others' Interest First

### S. O. S. CLUB

The S.O.S. Club members are: *First Row, front to back:* Neal Eggleston, Nannie Linda, Gail Sutton, Mae Davis, Larry Gupton, Betty Cockrell, Bertrice Joyner, *Second Row:* Ginger Roney, Dot Ricks, Bradley Dossier, Stanley Kornfeld, Clarence Rowell, Mena Buchan; *Third Row:* Lyman Whitehead, Lillian Daughtridge, Mary Frances Edmunds, John Churchill, Al Boyd, Miss Craighill; *Fourth Row:* Jeanette Corbitt, Becky Coley, Tootsie Burnette, Gretchen Zabawa, Judy Barnes, and Barbara Taylor.





## FIRE DRILL COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Fire Drill Committee is to promote better, more efficient fire drills and to see that they are carried out quickly and satisfactorily. Under the guidance of the Fire Drill Committee, the time consumed for the clearing out the building has decreased considerably.

Chairman Jimmy Davis (holding hose in hand) explains the mechanism of a soda-acid fire extinguisher to Johnny Hughes, Pat Weaver, Sonny Cherry, Banks Currin, Adam Maples, Morrison Divine, and Haywood Edmundson.

## Future Homemakers Of America

"The future homes of America are in the hands of the youth of today," as any F.H.A. member will tell you. Learning to live better today in order that their lives and those of their families might be better, they always look toward organization.

Club members take time from their work to learn about the F. H. A. emblem. Standing around Wilma Nelms and Joan Pittman (at sewing machines) are: Faye Lamm, Anna Smithson,

Faye Nelms, Rosalie Griffin, Betty Sue Salee, Hulda Williams, Pat Clack, Martha Tanner, Joyce English, Nancy Parker, Evelyn Cannon, Helen Watson, Fannie Mae Polson, Earline Valentine, Anna Lee, Louie Hardy, Betty Lou Jones, Alice Crommore, Miss Grant, Secretary Doris Williams, President Alice Starling, Vice-President Ponola Faircloth, Treasurer Jo Ann Arrington, and Evelyn McLamb.



## Science Club

Members of the Science Club pursue their individual interests in science through informal discussions, movies, film strips, demonstrations, and experiments.

Here Mr. Privott explains a new theory of atomic structure to: Front Row, left to right: Rickey Crowley, Oscar Taylor, Philip Threat, Terry Odom, Bobby Harris; Second Row: Homer Cockrell, Paul (Pete) Mehele, Bill Colson, Fred Hallaman, Bobby Byrum.



## Dramatics Club

Organized for students who are not enrolled in the dramatic classes, the Dramatics Club provides opportunity for acting and for backstage training.

Members of the Dramatics Club are: Seated, First Row: Sonya Hooker, Herman Harsey, Celia Brake; Second Row: Stan Reid, John Pearson; Third Row: Billy Merritt and Porter Hamric; Seated On Stage: Ronald Perry, Kyle Thomas, Kay Toler, Glenn Williams; Standing: Barbara Southerland, Pat Bell, Jane Bradley, Tommy Insoe, Mike Landers, Dan Robbins, Ed Justa, Mike Womble, Roy Barnes, Richard Taylor, Kelsey McGee, Gloria Gold, Lillian Currie, and Nancy Harlow.



## Girls' Athletic Association

Organized to promote athletics for girls, the G.A.A. stresses enjoyment of sport, character, sportsmanship, and leadership through participation in competitive sports.

Members of the G.A.A. are: First Row, left to right: Jeanette Perry, Sonja Paris, Ann Flye, Carolyn Robbins, Judy Walker, Frances Frazier, Hilda Groves, Joyce Reams, Sandra Melton, Anna Spruill, Eugenia Norment, Peggy Singletary; Second Row: Mrs. Massey, Lynette Spain, Jean Harris, Jane Winters, Sylvia Barrett, Sheila Lee, Vicki Taylor, Craig Daughtridge, Caroline Campbell, Carol Heck, Barbara Brown; Third Row: Ann Johnson, Ann Walston, Bertha Bebrndt, Patricia Lowder.



## PERSONAL TYPING

The Personal Typing Club was organized for two purposes: to give those students who know they cannot take typing during high school an opportunity to learn something about a typewriter . . . where the keys are, how to stroke them, etc.; to give those students who think they might like to take typing as a regular course an opportunity to experiment with a typewriter and to test their interest in and aptitude for typing. In either case, a student after a year in the Club is able to increase his typing skill through his own efforts without further instruction.



Mrs. Sue Bowden, advisor, shows Marilyn Pearce the correct position to hold her hands for typing.  
Phil Dickens and Tommy Coleman know the value of keeping their typewriter clean.

## Increasing Typing Skill Through Experience

The members of the Personal Typing Club are: *First Row, front to back:* Jerry Daley, James Armstrong, Tommy Coleman, Jean Watson, *Second Row:* Linda Gail Pridgen, Brenda Burnette, David Collins, Judy Nebs, Carolyn Yount; *Third Row:* Esther Joyner, Pat Coughlin, Mitchell McKenney, Keith Abbot, Rena Vasilakou, Eddie Wilhalf, Mary Ann Rottier; *Fourth Row:* Marilyn Pearce, Dennis Culpepper, Phil Dickens, Charles Bradshaw, Joe Capel, Jimmy Land, and Mary Elizabeth Whitehead.



# The Lure Of The Great Outdoors



## Wildlife Club

Gripped by the appeal of the great outdoors, members of the Wildlife Club spend their time discussing hunting situations, watching movies about wildlife, and learning to clean and dress game.

Members of the club get a few pointers on gun safety from the advisor, Mr. Neal Adkins. They are: Kneeling: Dan Woodruff, Freddie Fulcher, Russell Smith, David Bridges, Milton Williams, Corbin Ecklin, Willard Batts, Sammy Myers, Marvin Costes, David Couch, Johnny Hughes; Standing: Bill Waters, Pete Jeans, Jimmy Bishop, Tom Warren, Bobby Ellis, Bobby Battle, Harrison Gay, Clayton Hurt, Glenn Hill, Jay Weaver, J. B. Wilford, Ray Jackson, Tommy Armstrong, Tommy Mears, Kenneth Tucker, Gus Lancaster, Jordan Reynolds, Kenneth Jordan, Dan Boone, and Mr. Adkins.

## "News And Blues" From R.M.S.H.S.

### Radio Broadcasters

The Radio Broadcasters Club, instructed in radio work by advisor Charlie Graham, has its own radio program. Each Saturday morning during the school year, a student can tune in to "News and Blues" over WEED and listen to the latest news from our school, the most popular recordings, and he can even win a movie ticket if he guesses who the Singing Mystery Lady is.

Club members are: Kneeling: Danny Rogers, Adrian Turner, Rusty Lancaster, Dan Wester, Howard Boykin, Joe Williams, John Thomas, Jerry Adams; Standing: James Ezell, Charlie Graham, Francis Collins, Alvin Quincy, Foy Bradshaw, Aaron Matthews, Octave Battle, George Morgan, Roland Blankenship, Bill Winters, O. L. Harris, Earl Cook, Jerry Hocett, and Love Byrne.





Friendly Rivalry Creates Whole



some School Spirit



Here are the cheerleaders for this year who proved to be a vital part of our successful season: Sylvia Updegraff, Roland Blankenship, Ginger Roney, Foy Bradshaw, Tonya Pennington, Ray Joyner, Judy Carr, Lyman Whitehead, Pat Parrish, and head cheerleader, Bill Nelms.

## With Experienced Lettermen Back,

Everyone knows what a successful year we have had in athletics, and the people who played the largest part are shown on the following pages. We realize that

without the public's support we could have done very little. We wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way to this—a banner year in athletics!

The Athletic Staff



Pat Parrish gets the students beat off to a good start by leading the "BOOGIE YELL" in one of the many Pep Rallies.

New athletic director C. V. Lundy and new head football coach C. C. Ghetwood discuss the athletic situation for the coming year after assuming their new positions. Wouldn't the other coaches in the conference liked to have known their strategy?



Athletics are great, but let us remember they are a means and not an end. With the coaches of Rocky Mount High School sports are a teaching medium through which we strive to teach the lessons we should like to have taught to our own children.

High school athletics are big but not ever big enough to get out of their rightful place in the educational program.

In the narrow sense we hope to teach a boy to block, tackle, pivot, dribble, hit a baseball and many other finer points of the game. But if this is all we teach, no matter how competent we make him, we have not been successful.

We, in the broader sense, wish to be more than coaches of football, basketball, or baseball. We wish to be teachers of boys. We are as interested in the welfare of our boys as we are in the winning of our games. To be successful we feel we must be educators, guides, leaders, and counselors of boys. We are as interested in the complete education of the boy as we are in educating him in sports.

We do believe in winning. Winning Spirit, we want it. Through athletics we hope to prepare a boy to wage a victorious battle against life's problems. We believe the athletic program, properly run, teaches a person to discipline himself mentally and emotionally. The development of the intellectual life alone is not sufficient. With the help of athletics we hope to teach a boy to live with, not just among, his fellow men.



Co-Captains Fred Harris and Pat Warren look at the Shelton Looms Trophy which the team won from Wilson this year.

Some of the heroes of the game watch, as the team they helped make, tries to uphold its powerful reputation.

## Blackbirds Have Best Season In Years





Pat Warren  
Center

Ray Harper  
Back

Adam Maples  
Back

*Because  
there has been few*



Paul Eilers  
Guard

Jackie Skinner  
Tackle



Bruce Ethridge  
End

## Unparalleled Team Spirit

Rocky Mount 34	Oxford Orphanage	0
Rocky Mount 18	Salisbury	0
Rocky Mount 13	Goldsboro	0
Rocky Mount 13	Wilmington	6
Rocky Mount 14	Fayetteville	7

Adam Maples goes around right end for a twenty-five yard gain against Fayetteville which helped set up a touchdown.

What a mess this was! Goldsboro found themselves in a rut which cost them a victory by a margin of 13 points!





Jackie Williams  
*Back*

Bunny Bell  
*Back*

Fred Harris  
*Back*

Jimmy Davis  
*Guard*

## Characterizes Blackbirds

Rocky Mount 13	New Bern	0
Rocky Mount 13	Durham	14
Rocky Mount 45	Washington	7
Rocky Mount 6	Raleigh	6
Rocky Mount 26	Wilson	19

Don Stallings  
*Tackle*

Tommy Vaughan  
*End*



Rocky Mount traveled to the Port City and returned with a hard earned victory in more ways than one.

James Parker cut his man in and passed him to make the kill. Fred Harris and Boogie Divine are covering their positions.





Clarence Rowell  
*Tackle*

Ronald Smith  
*Tackle*

Johnny Hughes  
*Tackle*

Steve Batchelor  
*End*

James Parker  
*Back*



Ray Harper, our most valuable player, strikes a characteristic pose.



Indications of great things to come were given in a 34-0 victory over Oxford Orphanage in the season opener. This was followed by an 18-0 victory over western conference Salisbury. The conference season opened on a successful note with a 13-0 victory over Goldsboro. A trip to the port city of Wilmington netted a 13-6 victory. The following week saw Fayetteville fall before a powerful second half surge by 14-7. Non-conference New Bern fell 13-0 as the Blackbirds prepared for the all important Durham game. The largest crowd to witness an athletic contest in many years turned out for the Durham game only to see Rocky Mount lose by a point after touchdown margin 14-13 with Rocky Mount dominating almost every phase of play except the final score. Vengeance was dealt out to helpless AA Washington to the tune of 45-7. After a week's rest, a 6-6 deadlock resulted with powerful Raleigh after Raleigh had fought off every Rocky Mount threat and scored with 35 seconds left in the game. A great season was assured as traditional rival Wilson fell 26-19 in a game clearly dominated by Rocky Mount.



Morrison Divine  
*Guard*



Harold Gilbert  
*Buck*



Jackie Evans  
*Back*



Billy Wilhalf  
*Tackle*

Some 60 candidates turned out on a warm August 15th with a spirit and enthusiasm which was to net an 8 won-1 lost-1 tied record that ranks well among the schools' best in years. This record included one heart-breaking "one point" loss to Durham and was highlighted by a "3 touchdown" victory over a Salisbury team later to become state champions.

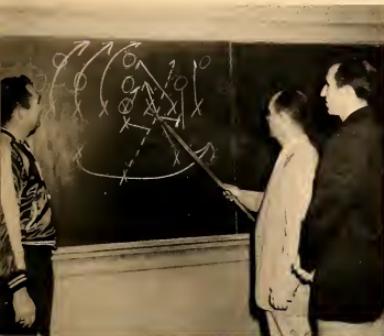
Al Wordsworth  
*Center*



Don Birchfield  
*End*



Rodney Pittman  
*Back*



The coaches discuss the play which is on the blackboard for the next game.



"SPERO" watches the team and gives his usual wholehearted support.





Co-captains of the Basketball team Harold Gilbert and Donald Stallings.

Coaches Lundy and Cleetwood, along with Co-captains Gilbert and Stallings, admire the Tobacco Land Tourney Trophy won this year by Rocky Mount.

Rocky Mount High School started its 1955-56 basketball season off in a most inauspicious manner, by losing. With two regulars, Bunny Bell and Don Stallings in Charlotte to play with the Shrine Bowl Football Team, Henderson defeated the Blackbirds.

With eight lettermen returning from the previous year, it was generally conceded things would get better and indeed they did and in a big way. The team won its next eight games, the last three of which brought our team the Championship of the first annual Tobaccoland Basketball Tournament. The Blackbirds defeated Wilson 70-63 in the championship round to walk off with the trophy.

At press time the record for the 1955-56 Blackbird hoopers stands at 11-3 and they are tied for second place in the conference race. The other two losses suffered by the team since the opening game loss were both two point defeats and were real heartbreakers. The team has its eyes on a place in the State AAA Tournament and is set to battle it out during the remainder of a hotly contested conference race to be one of the four qualifying teams.

## Shooting For The Title

Steve Batchelor  
*Forward*



Al Cole  
*Forward*



Jackie Williams  
*Guard*



Bunny Bell  
*Guard*



Charles Landen  
*Forward*





### BASKETBALL TEAM FOR 1956

*First Row, left to right:* Bunny Bell, Fred Ruben, Harold Gilbert, and Jackie Williams.  
*Second Row:* Manager, Jackie Skinner, Steve Batchelor, Sammy Mouzon, Leslie Howell, and manager Mike Williford. *Third Row:* Bob Moore, Charles Landen, Al Cole, and Donald Stallings. Missing are Clarence Williams and Bruce Ethridge.

Dec. 1 Henderson—there	Jan. 27 Durham—there
Dec. 2 Henderson—here	Jan. 31 Wilmington—here
Dec. 6 Kinston—there	Feb. 3 Goldsboro—there
Dec. 10 Fayetteville—there	Feb. 7 Raleigh—here
Dec. 13 Kinston—here	Feb. 10 Fayetteville—there
Dec. 16 Greenville—here	Feb. 14 Wilson—there
Dec. 19-20-21 Tournament at Kinston	Feb. 17 Open
Jan. 10 Goldsboro—here	Feb. 21 Durham—here
Jan. 13 Raleigh—there	Feb. 24 Wilmington—there
	Feb. 28 Fayetteville—here



Jump ball!!

Bob Moore  
Center

Sammy Mouzon  
Forward

Fred Ruben  
Forward

Leslie Howell  
Guard

Clarence Williams  
Center





Co-captains Harold Gilbert and Fred Harris discuss strategy before dressing for a game.

## Defenders Of The

This year's baseball team was one of the strongest in the conference. Showing a lot of hustle and enthusiasm they went through a tough schedule ranked in the very top bracket. As a whole, the batting average was very good; and when checking for errors in the total amount of games you find a surprising figure. Coach Staley proved to be a very successful leader; and the boys enjoyed working with him.

The members of the 1956 Baseball Team are: *Top Row, left to right.* Fred Harris, Bruce Ethridge, Don Stallings, Roger Starling, Jackie Skinner, Clarence Rowell; *Middle Row:* Gray Baines, Haywood Edmundson, Al Wordsworth, James Parker, Steve Batchelor, Ray Harper, Alton Oakley; *Bottom Row:* Tommy Craft, David Harper, Blount Taylor, Harold Gilbert, Jackie Williams, and Buddy Cockrell.



# Diamond Create Interest In Spring Sports

## 1956 Baseball Schedule

March 15	Kinston	Here
March 20	Henderson	Here
March 23	Greenville	Here
March 27	Henderson	There
March 29	Durham	There
April 3	Wilson	Here
April 6	Fayetteville	There
April 10	Wilmington	There
April 13	Raleigh	Here
April 17	Goldsboro	There
April 20	Open	
April 24	Durham	Here
April 27	Wilson	There
May 1	Fayetteville	Here
May 4	Wilmington	Here
May 8	Raleigh	There
May 11	Goldsboro	Here



Pitchers and Catchers—Left to Right: Harold Gilbert, Alton Oakley, Jackie Williams, Steve Batchelor, Clarence Rowell, David Harper, and Buddy Cockrell. Kneeling are James Parker, Jackie Skinner, and Fred Harris.

Outfielders—Left to Right: Tommy Craft, Al Wordsworth, Blount Taylor, Ray Harper, and Gray Baines.

Infielders—Haywood Edmundson, Roger Starling, Bruce Ethridge, and Donald Stallings.



Coach George Staley



Coach Bill Lundy and Fred Ruben discuss the care of a tennis racket.

## TENNIS

Back from last year to make up the tennis team for 1956 were Stanley Kornfeld, Sonny Cherry, Bradley Dozier and Fred Ruben. A newcomer, Butch Weaver, was a great help as the team had one of the best records a team could ask for.

By playing together the team always made the best of every opportunity that came their way.

Fred Ruben proved to be the leader of the squad. The other members were always striving to best his game and get his position. It was a close race and the boys were always pretty even in their standings.

## The Thrill Of Individual Competition

Tennis team for the year was, *left to right*: Bradley Dozier, Butch Weaver, Sonny Cherry and Stanley Kornfeld.





Ed Justa and Haywood Edmundson make their way out of trouble.

Adam Maples and Don Harris take it easy in the wide open spaces.

The golf team for 1956 proved to be as strong as expected with the continued strength of Don Harris, Ed Justa, and Adam Maples. A newcomer, Haywood Edmundson, was counted upon and fulfilled his position. This year was no exception as far as records go; Rocky Mount's golf team was ranked among the top three.

The new coach, Horace Felton, was a little inexperienced but proved to be a fine director. His interest was renewed as he accepted the new position.



Benvenue Country Club Pro, Palmer Maples, gives instructions to the golf team.

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RAY JOYNER—Personality plus—full of fun and wit—cheerleader—veep—Ray is the essence of all that is good. He is given free rein of time at the school in never ending work. He is most often seen in his role of calling our assembly to order. A good natured guy and definitely one of the most well liked and popular boys in RMSHS—that's our Ray.



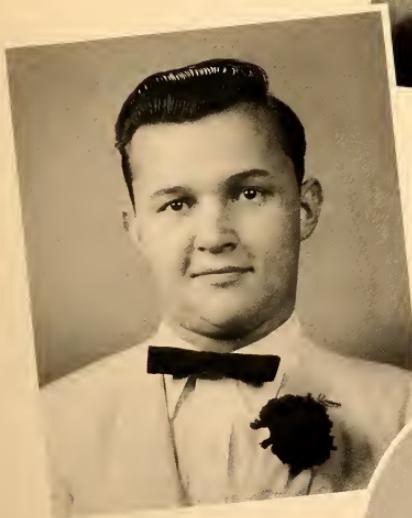
JOYCE HARRIS—Sincerity, seriousness, bubbling wit, and twinkling eyes—all these characteristics help make up her winning personality. She takes part in school activities and is a typical example of the loyal supporter of everything worthwhile. Her serene manner appeals to everyone. Though the task be great or small, Joyce is always ready to give her best.



FRED HARRIS—Fred is an outstanding boy in every respect. He has been described by one adjective—"versatile" because of his seriousness in studies, his athletic ability, his qualities of leadership, and his well-rounded personality. He is earnest, sincere, witty, steadfast, and always ready to do his share—and more. All of these qualities help to classify Fred, our Hi-Noc-Ar editor, as worthy of honor.

# OF R.M.S.H.S.

**CACKY ATKINS**—An engaging grin and an infectious laugh—always seen bustling around. She is a straight up student with an attractive appearance and a string of hours a mile long. A leader and one who really likes to talk! Combine all of Cacky's virtues with modesty and we see her as one of the most laudable students ever to graduate from RMSHS.



**JAMES EZZELL**—Wit combined with a clever mind—a friendly smile—a cheery "hello." James is a diligent worker, one who works wholeheartedly for the good of the school. His wit, known through his poetic pen and ability to make a word fit just right, James commands the respect of his fellow classmates and he earns their affection by being the person he is.



**FAY BATT**—Many honors have come to our school through this bubbling little strawberry blonde's outstanding work. Her vivaciousness combined with her seriousness of purpose help us to understand why Fay has excelled as she has. Her passion is music, and she is usually found "banging" on her piano. It is easy to see why most people say, "Precious things come in small packages."

# SUPERLATIVES



**TOMMY VAUGHAN**—Tommy combines all the qualities a fellow should have to win a place as an outstanding senior. He is an excellent student, a good athlete, an outstanding leader in extracurricular activities. Being an able leader as well as a willing follower has made Tommy an important cog in the wheel of high school activities. Truly he can be labeled a "great guy."



**MARIAH PARKER**—"Choo-Choo" — The red headed pack of energy and enthusiasm in every one of her activities. Mariah's primary interest is her church work. In addition to her innumerable school offices and responsibilities, she gladly gives of her time in service to others without any recognition. Her bubbling personality makes her a main attraction in our R.M.S.H.S. balls.



**FRED RUBEN**—A distinguished leader in every phase of school activities. As president of the student organization, he has successfully led us through the past year. Always on the alert, he handles any problem with the greatest of ease. Despite Fred's many responsibilities, he finds time to enjoy participating in athletics. An excellent scholar—an outstanding leader—and one always ready to serve—that's Fred.

# Of R.M.S.H.S.

KATHRYN BATTEN—Kathryn is the soul of integrity. She has excelled in everything, not only in her studies, but in her extra-curricular and church activities. Her willingness to work and to serve others has resulted in her bringing many honors to herself as well as to our high school. Indeed, Kathryn merits the unqualified respect of all her classmates.



HAROLD GILBERT—Full of fun—talented—personality plus—Harold has delighted the whole school with his mandolin and guitar playing and singing for any organization that bookings. As a star in sports and an outstanding leader in our school mark Harold as tops.

NORMA SAVAGE—Pint size package of exuberance—charming — and unassuming — that's our Norma. Always in the midst of a tedious job, doing her share of the work, Norma is equally outstanding in her studies as in the many other services she has rendered to our school. She is the perfect example of service at its best.





*First Row:* Lillian Daughridge, Barbara Davis, Bettie Ann Whitehurst.

*Second Row:* Eleanor Bulluck, Norma Bulluck, Lee Newby, Joyce Harris, Fay Batts.

# Beauty Court



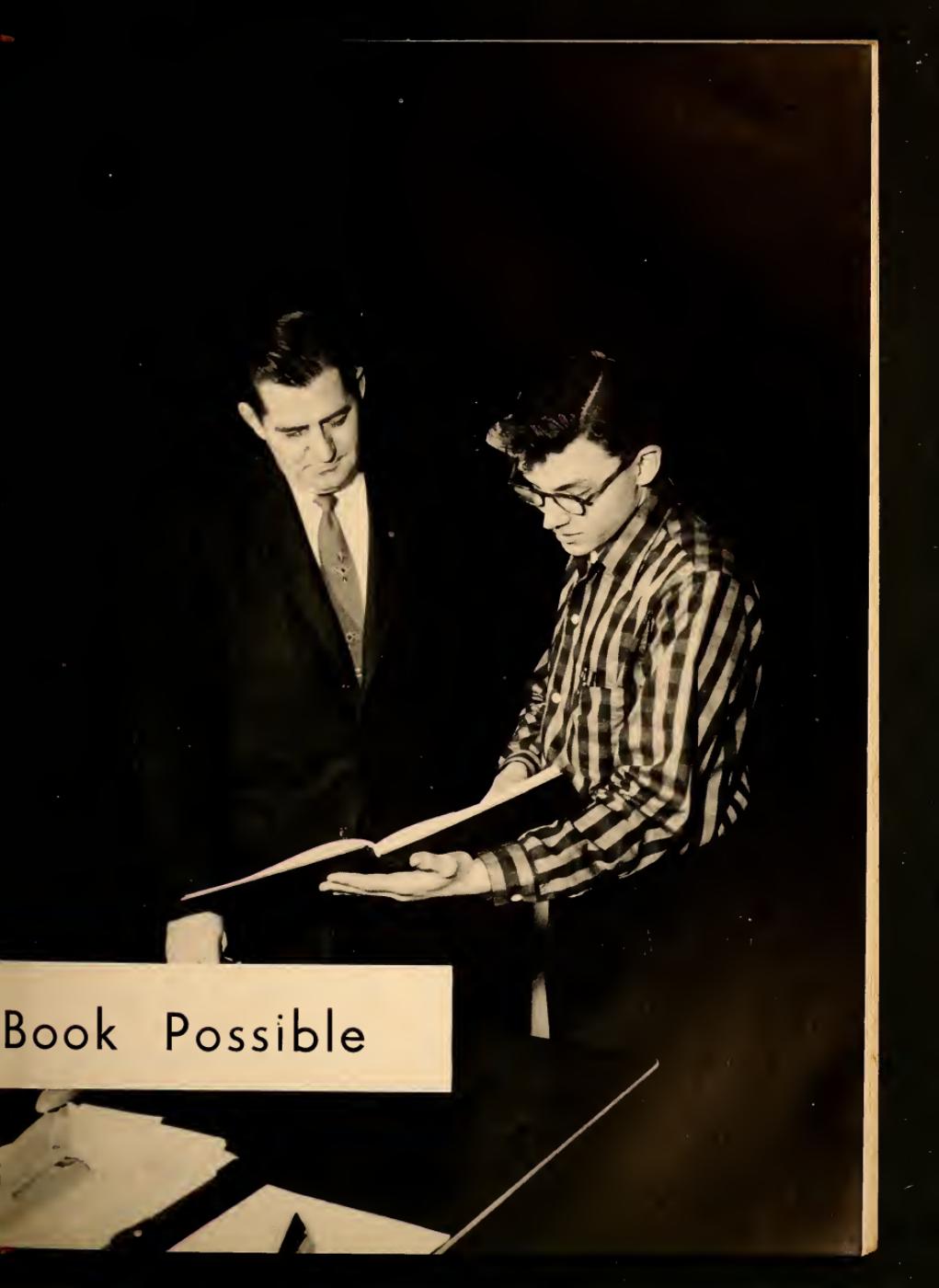
*First Row:* Kitty Thurman, Tonya Pennington, Ginger Roney.

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NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX



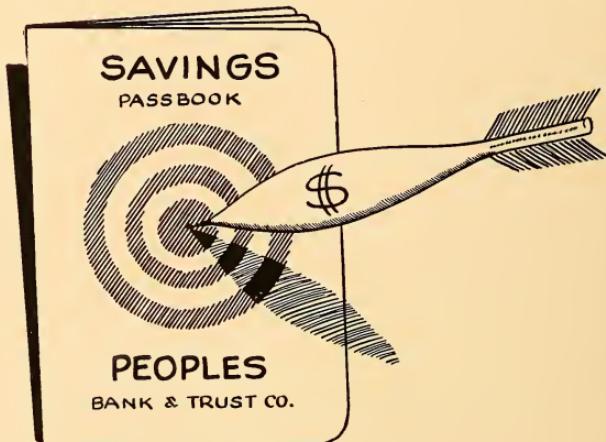
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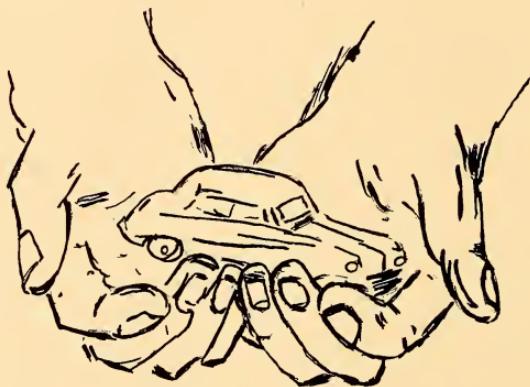
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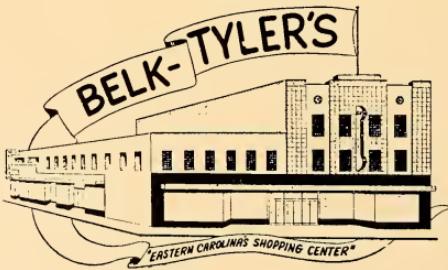
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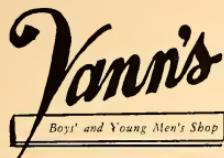
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Chief Hi-Noc-Ar and squaw—off to the races.



Norma Bulluck, Freddie Turnage, Jo Sugg, and David Harper forget their worries as they dance around the Christmas tree.



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# When We Were Fugitives From The Peanut Gallery



Our Blackbird editor

"I will if you like."



One of our beauties

"Ha! That was a  
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Hi-Lites writer

"Oh, c'mon."



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"Mother thinks so, too."

"Is that the truth?"

"Please let me, Mother."



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Preparing to pull a Marco Polo!



"Now is the time for all men—  
Wonder who's doing the explaining,  
Mr. Gorham or Mr. Adkins?"

"Well, it's not an easy job," agrees Mr. Edson  
as he explains plans for Parents Night to PTSAs  
president, Mr. Mel Warner.

Banks really is living it up as temporary principal—as he says, "Well, I'll give you one more chance." Eleanor Bulluck's daddy doesn't look very frightened.



If mothers were allowed to take shop, Mr. Adkins would have a fine start here.

"Now why can't Adam and Mrs. Maples and Roger learn this?"



Now what could Bugs and Mrs. Daughtridge be toasting?

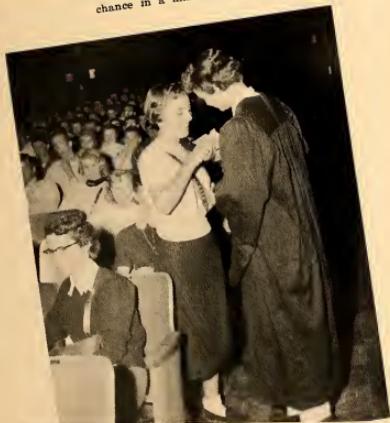




"Really," Preston assures Pat, "there's only one chance in a million that he'll get stuck."



"Yea--h—get 'em!"



"What'll you have, pineapple or chocolate?"



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The combined cafeteria committee enjoy lunch together.

Maybe if Mrs. Cuthrell would draw a basketball or football diagram it would make sense to Bunny and Harold.

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**Jerry Adams**—Radio Broadcasters Club; Choir; Football 3; Choir Club; Mixers Club; Shop; Hi-Y 12; Gun Club; Social Committee for Freshman Frolic.

**Pat Alexander**—Cheerleading Club; Red Cross Club, Sec. & Treas.; Choir 1,2,3; Homecoming Chaplain; Clean-Up Committee; Jr.-Sr. Food Committee; Sophomore Hop; Senior Class Devotional Committee; Transportation Committee; NCSCC; Student Organization Representative; Homecoming Offices; Classroom Offices; Tri-Hi-Y.

**Hallie Anderson**—Good Sports Club; Sr. Sub Deb; Classroom Offices 3,4; Football Sponsor; Office Assistant; SOS Club President; 3; Make-up Committee; Edsonians Dramatic Organization 2,3; Invitations Committee; Jr.-Sr.; Mixers Club; Homecoming Offices; Choir Club; Tri-Hi-Y; Committee for Freshman Frolic; President of Homecoming.

**Charles Ayscue**—Homecoming Treasurer; Art Club; Red Cross Representative; Vice-President of D.E.; Hi-Y.

**Cacky Atkins**—Bulletin Board Committee; 2nd high salesman in magazine campaign; Secretary of Homecoming; President of Homecoming; Dramatics Club; Tri-Hi-Y; Student Organization Representative; 2; Senior Organization Elections Committee 2; Student Organization National Committee 2; Junior Music Club 2,3,4; Mixers Club 2; Principal Officer Activity Period 3; Chairman Elections Committee 3,4; Invitations & Favours Committee for Jr.-Sr. 3; Decorated for Jr.-Sr.; 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Commencement Marshall 3; Delegate to Girls State; Secretary 3,4; Delta Gamma; NCC; Housing & Registration Chairman for NCC; Hi-Noe-Ar Staff; Tri-Hi-Y; National Honor Society; Rotary Girl of the Month; Football Sponsor; Senior Superlative; Sub Deb Club; Senior Deb.

**Judy Barnes**—Student Organization Representative; 1,4; Song Committee Freshman Class; Cheerleaders Club; Mixers Club; Representative Magazine Campaign; Chorus Club; Homecoming Secretary; SOS Club President; Social Committee; National Honor Society; Co-Chairman Figure Committee Jr.-Sr.; Entertainment Committee of Freshman Frolic & Sop Hop; Registrar NCSCC.

**Janet Barrett**—Choir Club 1,4; Student Organization Representative; Homecoming Secretary; Typing Club.

**Pat Batchelor**—Choir Club; Dramatics Club; Homecoming Offices; Classroom Offices; Chairman of Committees.

**Kathryn Batten**—Band; All-State Band; Dance Club; Debating Club; Muteses President; Reporter; Red Cross Council; Shopper Store Manager; Student Organization Representative; Member President's Cabinet; Assistant to the Dean of Girls; Program Chairman of the NCSCC; State Vice-President of the High School Division of the NCEA; Editor-in-Chief for The Blackbird; Editor of "Looking Around" At The Towne Set; Winner-winner-on the "Voice of Democracy" Contest 3; Winner of the "Voice of Democracy" Contest 4; Program Committee of the Jr.-Sr.; Sales for Service Award; National Honor Society; Marshall for Communications; Marshall 3 for the NCSCC; Marshall for the Eastern Division of the NCEA; Homecoming Offices; World State Delegate; Secretary of the Nationalist Party; and Parliamentarian at Girls' State; DAR "Good Citizen" Award; "Outstanding Senior."

**Otto Battle**—Transferred from Staunton Military Academy; Art Club; Radio Broadcasters Club; Program Chairman; Head Broadcaster; Edsonians; World History Class President; Head Bathroom Monitor.

**Fay Battle**—Circulation Manager Hi-Noe-Ar; National Honor Society 3,4; Student Organization Representative; Delegate to Girls' State; Governor of Girls' State; Speaker of House at Girls' Nation; "Outstanding Senior"; President of Homecoming; Homecoming Offices; Classroom Offices; Miss Print Contestant; Football Sponsor; Demolay Sweetheart; Represented N. C. at Tobey Cup; President of Chapter of Radios Broadcasters; Co-Chairman of Entertainment Committee for Sophie's Hop; Chairman of Program Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Chairman of Food Committee for Latin Banquet; Social Committee 2,3; Choir Club; Jr.-Sr. Musical Club Officers 1,2,3,4; Co-Musical Director for School 3,4; Program Director for Matinee; Good Sports Club Girl of the Month; Nominating Committee; Good Sports Club; American Legion Oratorical Local, County & District Honors in Piano Auditions; Sub Deb; Senior Deb; Junior-Senior Court; Marshal NCSCC.

**Bunny Bell**—Fire Drill Committee 3; Football; Basketball, Baseball 2,3,4; State '55, Honorable Mention 54, All Eastern '55, Honorable Mention '54, Football; Shrine Bowl Football Team; Junior Class Treasurer; Kiwanis Boy of the Month; Jr.-Sr. Figure; Homecoming Offices; BAFO'S; Classroom Offices; Service Club; Hot Stove League; Study Club; Hi-Y.

**Judy Best**—Classroom Offices; Choir 2; Radio Broadcasters 3; Dramatics; Choir Club.

**Roland Blankenship**—Blackbird; Cheerleader; President Radio Broadcasters Club; Edsonians; Mixers Club; Hot Stove League.

**Phillip Bone**—Eagle Scout; Hot Stove League 1; Mixers Club 2; Dramatics Club 3.

**Dan Boone**—National Honor Society; Student Council Representative; Chairman of House and Grounds Committee; Chairman of Jr.-Sr. Clean-up Committee; Student Council Parliamentarian; Rotary Club Boy of the Month; Atomics & Electronics Club; Gun Club; National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist.

**Al Boyd**—SOS Club; Student Government Representative 1; Jr. Sr. Decoration Committee; Art Club 1,2; Hi-Yo.

**Foy Bradshaw**—Co-Advertising Manager of The Blackbird; Edsonians 3,4; Black Masquers 3,4; Permanent Stage Crew 4; Basketball Committee 3,3; Alternate to Boys State 3; Student Director of Classroom Play; Club 4; Photography Club; Typing Club; Atomics & Electronics Club; Radio Broadcasters Club 4; Stage Manager 4; Preparations Committee for Senior Hop; Decorations Committee Jr.-Sr.; Decorations Committee Latin in Decade; Homecoming Offices; Club Offices; Classroom Offices.

**Scottie Brantley**—Hot Stove League; Hunting & Fishing Club; Gun Club; D.E.; Chairman of Committee in D.E.; Delegate in State and District Conventions of DE; Shop I.

**David Bridgers**—Wildlife Club 2,4; Atomics and Electronics Club; Handy Craft Club.

**Betty Rose Brigman**—Homecoming Offices & Committees; Drama Club; Choir Club 2,3,4; Choir 2,3; Intramural Activities.

**Ann Brinson**—Good Sports Club; Edsonians; Homecoming Offices; Classroom Offices; Jr.-Sr. Program Committee; Red Cross Representative (Officer); Student Organization Representative; Officer in Tri-Hi-Y; Dramatics Club; Vice-President of Good Sports Club; National Honor Society.

**Mona Buschan**—Special Choir; Freshman Tri-Hi-Y; Secretary of Radio Broadcasters; Homecoming Offices 2,3,4; SOS Club; Publicity Committee; Student Representative; Secretary of Edsonian Dramatic Organization; Dramatics Club; Choir; Clean-Up Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Intramural Volleyball; Mixers Club; Food Committee for Freshman Frolic.

**Norma Bullock**—Choir; Dramatics Club; Vice-President of Good Sports Club; Food Committee for Freshman Frolic; Music Committee; Jr.-Sr. 3; "Music Prints" 1955-56; Assistant Business Manager of The Blackbird; 3rd Business Manager of The Blackbird 4; Homecoming Offices; Classroom Offices; National Honor Society; Commencement Marshall; Marshall and Hostess for NCC; Delegate to Civilian Youth Conference; Junior Mum and Dad; Good Sports Club Chairman; Football Sponsor; Freshman Tri-Hi-Y; Senior Deb; Delegate to ECC Chorus Club; Senior Class Project Committee; School Song Committee; Vice-Pres. of NHS; Treas. of Good Sports.

**Shirley Burnette**—Band; Choir; Homecoming Offices; Delegate to ECC Chorus Club; Entertainment Committee for Sophomore Hop; Music Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Good Sports Club; Winner of "Voice of Democracy" 1955; National Honor Society; Student Store Representative; Senior Class Devotional Chairman; Calling Card Committee; Junior Music Club.

**Tootsie Burnett**—Transfer from Kioe Smith High, Atlanta, Ga.; SOS Club; Homecoming Treasurer; GAA Club.

**Jeanne Burns**—Tri-Hi-Y; Cheerleaders Club; Red Cross Representative; Choir Club; Classroom Offices; Homecoming Offices; Dramatics Club; Radio Broadcasters Club.

**Frances Brantley**—Typing Club; FHA; Art Club; Red Cross; Boy Butter.

**Jude Carr**—Elections Committee 1; Social Committee 2,3,4; Classroom 2,3; Homecoming Soc.; Class Offices; Good Sports Club; Traxx 3,4; SOS Club 3; Senior Deb; Tri-Hi-Y; Pres 2; Jr.-Sr. Figure & Figure Committee; Choir; Student Organization Representative; Mixers Club.

**Sonny Cherry**—Circulation Manager of Blackbird; Treasurer of Edsonians; Student Director; Fire Drill Committee; SOS Club; Tennis 2,3,4; Sports Editor of Blackbird; Debating Team; Jr.-Sr. Figure; Dramatics Club; Homecoming Offices; Chairman of Publicity Committee for Sophomore Hop; Denning Club; Drill Club; Hi-Y; Clean-Up Committee Freshman Frolic.

**Bob Chesson**—Basketball Manager 1; Entertainment for Jr.-Sr. 1; Black Masquers 2,3,4; Food Committee Freshman Frolic; Edsonians 2,3,4; Mixers Club; Gun Club; President of Radio Broadcasters; Homecoming Officer; Stage Crew; Cast Member for Contest Play; Sophomore Hop Committee.

# SENIOR STATISTICS

**Betty Cookrell**—Freshman Tri-Hi-Y; Cheerleaders Club; Mixers Club 2,3; SOS Club; Homeroom Offices; Classroom Offices; Blackbird Staff; Decorations Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Intramural Activities; National Art Award.

**Al Cole**—Transfer from Clayton High School; Basketball 2,4; BAPOS 3,4; Student Organization Representative 4; Choir; President of English Class; Hi-Y; Elections Committee 3; Music Committee Jr.-Sr.

**Ernest Coley**

**Francis Collins**—Homeroom Offices; Student Organization Representative; Radio and Television Club; Atomics and Electronics Club; Typing Club; Bible Club; Roman Banquet Committee; Band 1,2,3,4; Classroom Offices; Food Committee for Freshman Frolic.

**Peggy Joe Collins**—Chorus 1 year; Homeroom Offices; Typing Service Club; Study Club 2,3; Choir 2.

**Joyce Crocker**—Tri-Hi-Y; Cheerleaders Club; Girls Chorus; Radio Broadcasters; Homeroom Offices; Intramural Volleyball; Freshman Frolic Committee; Christmas Dance Committee.

**Lyle Crumpler**—B-Squad Football; Homeroom Office; Dramatics Club; Mixers Club; Hunting and Fishing Club; Debating Team; Edsonians; Hi-Y; Classroom Office.

**Shelia Culpepper**—Mixers Club 1,2; Good Sports Club; National Honor Society; Radio Broadcasters Club; President of Good Sports Club; Finalist in "I Speak for Democracy" Contest; Homeroom Offices.

**Banks Currin**—Mixers Club; Radio Broadcasters Club 2; Junior Red Cross Representative 3; Service Club 4; Homeroom Offices 1,2; Student Organization Representative 3; Hi-Y Officer; Delegate to Interstate Hi-Y Conference 1,2; Delegate to East Carolina District Meeting of NC Young Farmers; Delegated to Congress 3; Delegate to Tar Heel Boys High School 4; Fire Drill Committee 3,4; "Mr. Rocky Mount Senior High School" 4; Campaign Manager for Miss Price 4; President of Senior Class 4; Kiwanis Boy of Month 4; Junior Varsity Football 3; Sophomore Hop Clean-Up Committee; Junior-Senior Decorations 3; Magazine Sales prize winner 4; Jr.-Sr. Figure; National Honor Society.

**Rosalie Dalton**—Representative to Student Organization; Secretary of Girls' Athletic Association; Secretary of Majorette Club; Mixers Club; One of Head Majorettes; Intramural Basketball Club; Edsonians; Dramatics Organization; Tri-Hi-Y 1; Dancing Club; Homeroom Offices; Freshman Frolic Food Committee; Committee for Christmas Dance.

**Alma Daughtridge**—Good Sports Club; Candidate for "Miss Print"; Senior Deb; Candidate for Campus Sweetheart; Classroom Officer; Homeroom Officer; Jr.-Sr. Beauty Court 3,4; Service Club; Decoration Committee for Homecoming; Mixers Club; Choir Club; Tri-Hi-Y; Sub Deb Club; Committee for Freshman Frolic; Student Organization Representative.

**George Daughtridge**—National Honor Society; Homeroom President 3; Student Organization Representative 2,4; Photography Club; Hunting and Fishing Club; Service Club.

**Lillian Daughtridge**—Tri-Hi-Y; Homeroom offices and committees; Mixers Club 1,2; SOS Club; Miss Print 1952-53; Candidate for Goode Bowl Princess; Jr.-Sr. Beauty Court 3,4; Candidate for Campus Sweetheart; Club Officers; Candidate for Azalea Festival Princess; Candidate for Miss Price 2; Classroom Offices; Intramural Activities.

**Janice Davenport**—Good Sports Club; Homeroom Offices; Sec. of Radio Broadcasters; Favor and Invitations Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Classroom Offices; Mixers Club; Choir; Committee for Freshman Frolic; Tri-Hi-Y.

**Jan Davis**—Drama Club; Hunting and Fishing Club; Choir Club; Choir 3,4; Edsonian Dramatics Organization.

**Janet Davis**—Cuts-a-Rug Club; Representative to Tri-Hi-Y Conference in Albemarle; Homeroom Office; Special Choir; Choir 2,3; Tri-Hi-Y; Classroom Offices; Student Organization Representative; Good Sports Club.

**Jimmy Davis**—BAPOS;arsity Football 3,4; Junior Varsity Football 3; Football Director; Committee Chairman; SOS Club; Classroom Decorations Committee for Jr.-Sr.; President's Cabinet; Homeroom Offices; Vice-President of Freshman Class; Basketball Manager 1; Hi-Y; Photography Club; Atomics and Electronics Club; Drill Club; Football All-State Honorable Mention; Chairman Entertainment Committee for Soph Hop; Vice-President of Senior Class.

**Mary Davis**—Homeroom Treasurer; Dramatics Club; Home room Representative; Radio Broadcasters Club 2,3; Program Chairman Radio Broadcasters Club; Homeroom President; Jr. Sr. Program Committee; SOS Club; Publicity Chairman SOS Club; Candidate for DeMolay Sweetheart; Y-Team; Edsonians; Club; Black Masquers; News Reporter for News and Blues.

**Milton Dickens**—Homeroom President; Homeroom Secretary; Art Club; Freshman Frolic Food Committee; Intramural Track Meet; B-Squad Football; Hi-Y Basketball Tournament.

**George Dixon**—Choir 3,4; Edsonians; Black Masquers; Stage Crew for Contest Plays; Officer of DeMolay 3,4; President of D.E. Club; Delegate to District D.E. Convention; Member of Nominating Committee at D.E. Convention.

**Bradley Dozier**—Choir 3,4; Choir Club; Tennis 2,3,4; City Jr. Doubles Champion; Football 3; SOS Club; Photography Club; Drill Club; Social Committee 2,3; Homeroom Offices; Debating Club 3; Hi-Y; Decorating Committee for Soph Hop.

**Una Driver**—Choir 1,2; FHA Club; Devotional Committee for Sr. Class; Classroom Offices; Secretary FHA; Tri-Hi-Y.

**Mary Frances Edmunds**—Student Organization Representative; Office Assistant; Treasurer of SOS Club; Publicity Committee for Student Organization; Choir Club; Vice-President of Homeroom; Tri-Hi-Y.

**Bobby Edwards**—Football; Track Team; Aerodynamics Club; Visual Education Club.

**Phyllis Edwards**

**Ray Edwards**—Delegate for Choir at Greenville; Cheerleader; Choir; Club; Radio Broadcasters; Campfire Manager 1; Miss Print; B-Squad Football; Hi-Y 1,2; Delegate to Hi-Y Convention at Mt. Airy; Tri-Hi-Y Club; Cheerdancer Club; Tenor; Edsonians; Homeroom Offices; Elections Committee.

**Neal Eggleston**—Radio Broadcasters Club 1,3; Personal Typing Club; SOS Club; Decorations Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Football 1,2; Edsonians; Choir; Band 1,2,3; East Carolina Band Clinic; Homeroom Officer; Classroom Officer; DeMolay Offices; Special Choir; Choral Voice Clinics; Hi-Y.

**Bruce Ethridge**—B-Squad Football 1,2; Varsity Football 3,4; B-Squad Basketball 1,2; Varsity Basketball 3,4; B-Squad Basketball 1,2; Varsity Basketball 3,4; President of Homeroom; Classroom Officer; Club; B-Squad; Freshman Hot Stove League; Miss Club; Mention All-State in Football; 2d Team All-Eastern; Junior-Senior Figure.

**Dilly Evans**—Boys Chorus; Athletic Club; B-Squad Football; Vocational Machine Shop; Hi-Y; Hi-Y Basketball Tournament.

**Jackie Evans**—Varsity Football 4; Junior Varsity Football 1,2,3; Hi-Y Club; Hi-Y Basketball Tournaments in Greensboro, Charlotte, and Albemarle; Junior Varsity Baseball 1; Varsity Baseball 2,4; Hot Stove League 1; Athletic Club.

**Kathleen Eveland**—Choir Club; Art Club; FHA; Typing Club.

**James Ezzell**—Homeroom Offices; Club Offices; Class Officer; Freshman Motto Committee; Photography Club 1; Study Club; Announcer for News and Blues; Treasurer Junior Class 3,4; DeMolay State Convention; Blackbird Staff 3,4; DeMolay 3,4; DeMolay State Convention; Blackbird Staff 3,4; Service; Miss Print; Treasurer of Senior Class; Co-Advertising Manager for Blackbird 4; Manager of DeMolay 1st Semester; Teen Talent; DeMolay Delegate to State Conclave; Nominating Committee; Junior-Senior Planning Committee; Master of Ceremonies for Committee for Jr. and Sr. Class; Senior Hi-Y; Gray-Y Advisor.

**Geneva Farris**—Student Organization Representative 1,2,3; National Honor Society; Delegate to State Conclave; Academic Council; Girl Scouts; Co-chairman of Food and Place Committee for the Jr.-Sr. Banquet; Food Committee for Freshman Frolic; Freshman and Junior Nominating Committee; Officer of Radio Broadcasting Club; Mutesettes; Jr. Red Cross Representative; Homeroom Offices; Classroom Offices; Home room Reporter; Dramatics Club; Homeroom Committees; Tri-Hi-Y; Student Director; Committee.

**Glenda Felton**—Good Sports Club; Mixers Club; Choir; Classroom Offices; Homeroom Offices; Food Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Constitution Revision Committee; Finalist in "I Speak for Democracy" Contest; Tri-Hi-Y; Sec. Sub Deb Club; Choral Voice Clinic; Greenville; Special Choir.

**Mary Floyd**—Cheerleaders Club; Classroom Offices; Girls Chorus; Edsonian Dramatics Organization; Black Masquers; Future Teachers of America, Vice-President; Marshall for Teachers' Convention in Greenville; Service Club; Senior Class Devotion Committee; Homeroom Devotional Committee Chairman 1,4; Freshman Tri-Hi-Y.

**Georgia Fulghum**—Good Sports Club; Classroom Offices; FHA; Red Cross Representative; Food Committee for Jr.-Sr.

**Harrison Gay**—Chaplain of Senior Hi-Y; Boy Scouts; Band 1,2; Athletics and Drill Club 1,2; Hunting and Fishing Club; Gun Club; Edsonian Dramatics Organization; Stage Crew; Club Offices; Senior Hi-Y.

# SENIOR STATISTICS

**Harold Gilbert**—Homeroom Officer; Baseball Team 1,2,3,4; Secretary & Treasurer of BAFOs; President of National Honor Society; Chief Marshal for Graduation; Hot Stove League Club; SOS Club; Entertainment Committee for 1955 Jr.-Sr.; Rotary Boy of the Month; Most Valuable Basketball Player for 1954-55 Season; Co-Captain of Baseball Team 4.

**John Lachance**—Service Organization Rep.; Handicraft Club; Atomic and Electronics Club; Service Club; Hi-Y; Debating Club; Decorating Committee for NCSCC Dance; Transportation Committee for NCSCC, 1955.

**Barbara Groves**

**Larry Gantton**—Chairman of Freshman Soap Committee; Delegate to ECC Choir Clinic 2,3,4; Treasurer of Jr. Model Club; Program Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Edsonians Dramatics Organization; Delegate to Music Festival at Chapel Hill; Art Club; Choir 2,3,4; Special Choir 2,3,4; Dramatic Club; SOS Club; President of Boys Chorus; School Song Committee; Homeroom Office; Soloist for Choir; Choir Club; Program Committee for Freshman Frolic.

**Edward Guy**—Gon Club; Atomics and Electronics Club; Hunting and Fishing Club; Distributive Education II.

**Ida Mae Haddock**—Transcript.

**Carole Hagan**—Secretary Art Club; Vice-President GAA; Tri-Hi-Y; Typing Club; Homeroom Committees; Intramural Sports.

**Ray Harper**—B-Squad Baseball; Varsity Baseball; B-Squad Football; Varsity Football; B-Squad Basketball; BAFOs 2,3,4; Mixers Club; Hot Stove League; Honorable Mention All-State Football; Varsity Team All-American; Classroom Office; Most Valuable Player Award in Football.

**Fred Harris**—Delegate to Honor Policy Convention in Greensboro; Homeroom Representative to Student Organization; Treasurer of Freshman Class; Civilian Citizenship Award; Homeroom President; Member of Traffic Committee; President of Sophomore Class; Chairman of Traffic Committee; Hi-No-C-Ar Editor; President of 3,4,5 Debs; Debs to Boys' State; Delegate to NCSCC; BAFOs; Senior Supervisor; Kiwanis Boy of the Month; Blackbird of the Week; B-Squad Football 1; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 2,3,4; Varsity Football 2,3,4 Captain of Football 2,3,4; Varsity Basketball 2,3,4; Co-Captain of Baseball Team 4; Honorable Mention All-State Basketball; National Honor Society; Chairman of Decorations Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Hot Stove League; Commencement Marshal.

**Joyce Harris**—Homeroom Officer; Mixers Club; President of Soph Class; Delegate to NCSCC; Football Sponsor; Miss Print Contest; Co-Chairman Food Committee for Soph Hop; Good Sports Club; Service Club; National Honor Society; Delegate to National Honor Society; Co-Chairman Food Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Treasurer of Good Sports Club; President and Secretary of Service Club; Secretary of NHS; Jr.-Sr. Beauty Court 3; Lost and Found Committee Chairman; Commencement Marshal; Senior Supervisor.

**Louise Harris**—Homeroom Office; FHA Offices; Choir Club; Service Club; Jr.-Sr. Food Committee; Jr. Devotional Committee.

**Ann Hatch**

**Lynne Hatchett**—Vice-President of Service Club; Choir; Elections Committee; Homeroom Offices; Classroom Officer; Student Organization Representative; Tri-Hi-Y; Food Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Sub Deb; Senior Deb; Secretary of Service Club.

**Raymond Hollowell**

**Cathy Howard**—Service Club; Homeroom Officer; Figure Committee for NCSCC Dance; Transfer from West Virginia.

**Johnny Hughes**—Transfer from Florence, S. C.; Football; Wildlife Club; Homeroom Treasurer; Fire Drill Committee; Secretary and Treasurer of Hi-Y.

**Pauline Honeycutt**—Cut-a-Rug Club; Study Club; Personal Typing Club.

**Betsy Hutto**—Red Cross Rep.; Dramatics; Edsonians; Choir; Winner in Magazine Campaign; Food Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Coleman Jackson—D.E.

**Bunny Jeans**—Tri-Hi-Y; Radio Broadcasters Club; Mixers Club; Cut-a-Rug Club; Choir Club.

**Delano Jenkins**—Choir; Gon Club; Vocational Machine Shop; Boys Chorus; Athletic Club.

**Dan Johnson**—National Honor Society; Service Club; Vice-President of Soph Class; Delegate to Junior Red Cross Training Center; Vice-President of Jr. Clas; Elections Committee; Decorating Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Homeroom Offices; President of Senior Class; Choir.

**Perry Jones**—Vice-President of Black Masques; President of Tri-Hi-Y Club; Homeroom Officer; Girls' State Speaker; Inter-Organisation Representative; Choir; Contest Plays; Edsonians; Program Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Lead in two major dramatic productions; District Piano Contest; Choir Delegate, Greenville.

**Bertie Jayner**—Member of Fresh, Soph and Jr. Devotional Committees; President of Homeroom; Boys' State Delegate; Vice-President of Homeroom; Art Club; Project Chairman for SOS Club; National Honor Society.

**Ray Joyner**—Treasurer of Soph Class; Vice-President of Jr. Club; Homeroom Representative; Organization; Cheerleader 3,4; Homeroom Officer; Classroom Offices; Kiwanis Boy of Month; Senior Supervisor; B-Squad Football; BAFOs; Mixed Club.

**Judy Kabe-Band**; Bulletin Board Committee; Homeroom Representative; Social Committee; Art Club; Tri-Hi-Y; Red Cross Club; SOS Club; Homeroom Offices; Chairman of Invitations and Favors Committee for Jr.-Sr. Hi-No-C-Ar Staff.

**Kay Knight**—Tri-Hi-Y Goods; Mixers Club; Cheerleader Club; President of Homeroom; Goods Sports Club; Miss Print Candidate; Edsonians; Classroom Offices.

**Stanley Kornfeld**—Tennis 2,3,4; Student Organization Representative; Vice-President of SOS Club; Edsonians; Debating Club; Dramatic Club; J.V. Football.

**Delores Lamm**—Intramural Sports; Tri-Hi-Y; Cheerleaders Club; Choir; Social Committee; Student Organization Rep.

**Charles Landen**—BAFOs; Homeroom Offices; Dramatics Club; Mixers Club; Hot Stove League; Baseball; J.V. Baseball; Basketball; J.V. Basketball; Tennis; Figure Committee on Jr.-Sr. Dance; Edsonians; Vice-President of BAFOs.

**Lois Landin**—Homeroom Offices; Pres. of Atomics and Electronics Club; Pres. of Boys' Study Club; Invitations Committee for Jr.-Sr.; High Magazine Salesmen of Jr. Class; High Magazine Salesmen of Entire School; Senior Year; National Honor Society.

**Rochelle Langley**—Art Club 1,2,3; Homeroom Representative for Red Cross 4; Member of Edsonians 4; Homeroom Committee; Homeroom Ball Team 3.

**Nannie Lindsey**—Tri-Hi-Y; SOS Club; Cheerleaders Club; Choir 2,3,4; Choir Club; Special Choir 2,3,4; Delegate to East Carolina Choir Clinic; Delegate to Music Festival in Chapel Hill; Plantar for Boys Chorus; Homeroom Offices and Committees; Intramural Activities.

**Carolyn Luper**—Intramurals; Personal Typing Club; Home-room Officer; Study Club 2,3; Choir Club.

**Aaron Matthews**—Handicraft Club; Radio Broadcasters Club 2,3,4; Quiz Master, "Name That Tune" 3,4; Homeroom Offices.

**Dottie Matthews**—Freshman Tri-Hi-Y; Cheerleaders Club; Mixers Club; Dramatics Club; Choir Club; Classroom Offices; Homeroom Offices and Committees; Intramural Activities.

**Catherine Lamb**—Physical Education; Tri-Hi-Y; Cheerleaders Club; Mixers Club; Secretary, Radio Broadcasters Club; Good Sports Club; Homeroom Offices and Committees; Classroom Offices; Student Organization Representative 2,3,4; Intramural Activities; Entertainment Committee for Freshman Frolic; Food and Placement Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Jr.-Sr. Figure; National Honor Society.

**Faye McLean**—President of Tri-Hi-Y; Mixers Club; Homeroom Offices; Service Club; Student Government Representative; Miss Print Candidate; Candidate for Jr.-Sr. Beauty Court; Edsonians; Classroom Offices.

**Patsey Moller**—Homeroom Offices and Committees; Classroom Offices; Art Club 1,2,3; Music Lovers Club; Intramural Activities; Senior Devotional Committee Member.

**Bruce Miller**—Transfer Student; Drum Major 3,4; Band Captain 3; Band Lieutenant 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Musters 3; Choir 4; Athletic Club 2; Member of DeMolay; Past S.C. Councilor; Captain DeMolay Basketball Team.

**Buck Morgan**—Eagle Scout; Edsonians; Classroom Offices; Jr.-Sr. Decorations Committee; Radio Broadcasters Club; Dramatics Club; Photography Club; Club Officer; Personal Typing Club; Stage Crew; Legislatuare Page.

**Jimmy Moore**—Publicity Committee for Soph Hop; Delegate to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention 3,4; Student Organization Representative 2; Feature Editor of The Blackbird; 3,4 Music Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Homeroom Offices; Classroom Offices; Radio Broadcasters Club 3,4; Editor-in-Chief of Blackbird; Food Committee for the Roman Banquet 2.

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Band 1,2,3,4; Assistant MC of RMSHS Television Productions; Electrical Engineer for "In The Mood" 3; Projects Committee for Senior Class; "Kool Ones" 3,4; Rotary Club Boy of the Month 4; Member of President's Cabinet of Faculty; Committee for NCSCC; Dance Band with RMSHS Band; Hunting and Fishing Club 2; Typing Club 1; National Honor Society.

Lynn Moore—Y-Teens; Art Club 1,2; FFA; DE 1,2; DE Club; Decorating Committee for DE Christmas Party and Besses Banquet.

Pat Moore—FHA Club; Cut-a-Rug Club; Typing Service Club; Mixers Club.

Patsy Moore—Tri-Hi-Y; Art Club; Girls Chorus; Study Club; Mixers Club.

Sammy Mouzon—Basketball, Varsity 3-4, B-Squad 1,2; Baseball, Varsity 3,4; B-Squad 2; BAPOS 3,4; Gun Club; Hot Stove League; Treasurer of Homeroom.

Aaron Murray—Homeroom Offices; Parliamentarian of DE Club; Delegate to Wilmington DE Convention; King of DE Club.

Bill Nance—Cheerleader; Choir 1; Delegate to Club in Greenville; Edison Dramatic Organization; Homeroom Officer; Charter Member of SOS Club; Cheerleader Representative to Shrine Bowl Game in Charlotte; Radio Broadcasters Club; Hi-Y 2; Campaign Manager for Miss Print Contest; Classroom Officer; Entertainment Committee for Soph Hop.

Wilma Nelms—FHA Club; Choir; Chorale Club.

Diana Odem—Secretary Tri-Hi-Y 2; Homeroom Secretary 4; Mixers Club 2; Good Sports Club 4; Choir; Homecoming Sponsor; Office Assistant 4; Two Certificates of Achievement in Magazine Campaign; Study Club 3; Float Committee for Homecoming Game; Senior Deb.; Chorale Club.

Terry O'Donnell—B-Squad 1,2; Boy Scout; Junior Varsity Football; Blackbird; Chorale Club; Clean-Up Committee for Freshman Frolic; Tennis Team; House and Grounds Committee; Clean-Up Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Science Club; Photography Club; Classroom Offices; Hot Stove League; Sergeant at Arms for Senior Hi-Y; Club Offices; Senior Deb. Hi-Y.

John O'Donnell—B-Squad and Varsity Football, Baseball; Fire Drill Committee; Athletic Club; Classroom Offices.

Wendell Owens—Machine Shop; Hot Stove League; Gun Club; Boys Chorus; Chorale Club; Gym.

Albert Page—Varsity Football; B-Squad Football 1,2,3; Choir 3,4; B-Squad Baseball 1; Hi-Y; Hi-Y Baseball Tournament in Greensboro; Charlotte, Albemarle; Homeroom Offices; Hot Stove League; DE; Athletic Club.

Cherry Page—Choir 2,3; Choir Club 2,3,4; Mixers Club; Intramural Activities.

Mariah Parker—Dramatic Club; Cheerleaders Club; Tri-Hi-Y; Reporter for Hi-Lites 1; Homeroom Offices; Student Organization Representative; Classroom Offices; President of Freshman Class; Delegate to EDNCSCC; S.O. Constitution Committee; Sophomore Hop Committee Chairman; Jr.-Sr. Committee Co-Chairman; Campaign Manager; Partisan; Orientation Program for Freshmen; Miss Camp; Vice-President of Good Sports Club; Secretary and President of Service Club; Alternate Delegate to Civitan Camp, Wild Acres; Civitan Award; Blackbird Personality of the Month; Rotary Girl of the Month; Outstanding Senior; Chairman of Publicity Committee.

Wayne Parker—Homeroom Offices; SOS Club 4; Edisonian Dramatic Organization 4; Mixers Club 3; Study Club 2; Hi-Y.

Pat Parish—Homeroom Secretary; Secretary of Freshman Club; Tri-Hi-Y; Dramatic Club 1; Representative to Student Organization; Mixers Club 2; Football Sponsor 2,3,4; Secretary of Jr. Class (whole year); Edisonian Dramatics Organization; Miss Print Candidate; Chaplain of SOS Club; Fire Drill Committee 3; Beauty Court for Jr.-Sr.; Secretary of Month; Student Organization; SOS Club; Rotary Girl of the Month; Cheerleaders Club; Runner-up for Campus Sweetheart; Senior Deb.

Doris Pace—Choir Club; Dramatics Club; Homeroom Committees; Mixers Club; Chmn. Homeroom Committee; Mixers Club.

Jewel Pearce—Homeroom Offices 1,3; Mixers Club; Tri-Hi-Y; Edisonians Dramatics Organization; Jr. Red Cross Club; Cheerleaders Club; Senior Deb; Typing Club; Delegate to Red Cross Training Center; Choir.

Kenneth Peele—Speaking & Debating Club; Atomics & Electronics Club; DE; Associate President of DE Club.

Mary Ruth Peele—Epilebe Club Secretary 4; President 2,3; Student Organization Representative; Choir Club.

Tonya Pennington—Homeroom Offices; Classroom Offices; Miss Print Candidate 1,2,3,4; House and Grounds Committee 3; Football Sponsor 1,2,3; Jr.-Sr. Beauty Court 3,4; Campus Sweetheart 4; Good Sports Club; Cheerleader; Cheerleaders Club; Tri-Hi-Y; Azalea Princess.

Gail Pittman—Good Sports Club; Student Organization Representative; Tri-Hi-Y; Cheerleaders Club; Dramatics Club; Jr. Red Cross Representative; Clean-Up Committee for Sophomore Hop; Classroom Office.

Rodney Pittman—Varsity Football 3,4; Chairman of Traffic Committee; House and Grounds Committee; Hi-Y; BAPOS; Atomics & Electronics Club; President of Homeroom; Sophomore Hop Food Committee; Track Meet; Mixers Club.

Sylvia Poland—Band; Blackbird; Secretary and President of Musettes; Devotional Committee; State Future Teachers Convention Delegate; Delegate to CTA Conference at University of North Carolina; Homeroom Committees; Dramatic Club; Mixers Club; Intramural Activities; Advertisement and Clean-Up Committees for Freshman Frolic; Usher for NCEA Meeting in Greenville; Concert Band; Clean-Up Committee for Soph Hop.

Gene Prinden—Atomics and Electronics Club; Photography Club; DE; Tennis Team.

Joe Procter—Treasurer, Radio Broadcasters Club; Cast Member, "Off the Track;" Gun Club; Mixers Club; Pres. Edsonians.

Patsy Pullen—Good Sports Club; Freshman Frolic Food Committee; Student Organization Representative; 1,2; Tri-Hi-Y; Mixers Club; Homeroom Offices; Classroom Offices; National Honor Society.

Bobby Reaves—Homeroom Office; Clean-Up Committee for Freshman Frolic; Gun Club; Hunting-Fishing Club; Bible Club.

Pat Reaves—Band 1,2,3; Choir; Choir Club; Mixers Club; Jr. Red Cross Representative; Future Teachers Club; Delegate to Future Teachers Convention in Raleigh; Classroom Offices; All-State Band; Miss Future Teacher.

Dt Ricks—Sergeant-at-Arms of Tri-Hi-Y; Vice-President of Homeroom; Cheerleaders Club; Mixers Club; Chorale; Edisonian Dramatic Organization; Representative to the Student Organization; SOS Club; Office Assistant; Football Sponsor.

Dorthy Elaine Ricks—Red Cross Club 1; Choir Club; Study Club; Choral Chorus.

Gladys Ricks—Dramatics Club; Study Club; Bible Study Club.

Georgie Robinson—Cheerleaders Club; Choir Club 2,3,4; Choral 2,3; Intramural Activities.

Norman Robinson—Band; Football 2,3,4; Athletic Club; Vocational Machine Shop.

Ginger Romeo—Maid of Honor in Jr.-Sr. Beauty Court; Azalea Festival Attendant; Runner-up for Miss Print; Runner-up for Campus Sweetheart; Cheerleader; Homeroom Offices; Tri-Hi-Y; Secretary of SOS Club; Edsonians; Mixers Club; Cheerleaders Club; SOS Club; Senior Deb; Dramatics Club; Red Cross Representative; Jr.-Sr. Beauty Court 3,4.

Jean Root—Homeroom Offices and Committees; Mixers Club; Choir Club; Office Assistant 3,4; Intramural Activities; Girls Chorus; Good Sports Club; Special Choir; Chairman of Office Concession Committee.

Clarence Rowell—Student Organization Representative; Football; Baseball; SOS Club.

Henry Rowland

Fred Ruben—Se-Tress of BAPOS; Service Club; Civilian Citizenship Award; National Honor Society; Homeroom Offices; Classroom Music Committee for Jr.-Sr.; President of Jr. Class; Student Organization Representative; President of Student Body; Kiwanis Boy of the Month; Delegate to District, State, and National Student Council Conventions; Treasurer, North Carolina Student Council Congress; Small Varsity Basketball 3,4; Varsity Tennis 1,2,3,4; State High School Doubles Runner-Up.

Charles Sanders—Homeroom Offices; Classroom Offices; Clean-Up Committee; Freshman Frolic; Student Organization Representative; 2,3; Entertainment Committee; Sophomore Hop; Mixers Club; Boy Scout; Business Manager of Hi-Noc-Ar Staff; House and Grounds Committee; Program Committee for Jr.-Sr.; NCSCC; Treasurer of Senior Class; Jr.-Sr. Figure; Drill Club; Photography Club.

# SENIOR STATISTICS

**Norma Savage**—Mixers Club; Cheerleaders Club; Treasurer of Service Club; Secretary of Good Sports Club; Homecoming Offices; Tri-Hi-Y Offices; Edsonians; Secretary of Senior Class; Student Organization Representative 1A; Chairman of Student Direction Committee; Social Committee; Program Committee of Jr.-Sr.; National Honor Society Delegate to EDNCSCC; Senior Superlative; Chairman Calling Card Committee; Chairman Soph Concession Stand Committee.

**Sandra Shearon**—Homecoming Offices; Entertainment Committee for Soph Hop; Cheerleaders Club; Mixers Club; Service Club; Choir; Pianist for Boys' Chorus; Candidate for Campus Sweetheart; Member of Black Masquers; Dramatics; Student Organization Representative; Tri-Hi-Y; Special Choir; Delegate to Music Festival in Chapel Hill; Delegate to E. Carolina Choir Clinic; Music Committee for Jr.-Sr.

**Bobby Smith**—Radio Broadcasters Club; Debating and Speaking Club; Mixers Club; Choir Club; Boy Scout; Intramurals; Hi-Y Club; Edsonians; Club Officers.

**Margaret Spain**—Chorus; Study Club; Bible Club.

**Donald Stallings**—Football 2,3,4; All-Eastern, All-State, All-Southern, 2nd Team All-American in Football; Shrine Bowl Co-Captain; Bill Smith Award Co-Captain; Basketball Team; Baseball 1,2,3,4; BAPOS 2,3,4; SOS Club; Homecoming Officer; Student Organization Representative; Hi-Y; Band; DeMolay; Decorating Committee for Jr.-Sr.

**Eugene Starling**—Choir; Choir Club; Atomic-Electronics Club.

**Margaret Stone**—Student Organization Representative; Nomination Committee Freshman Class; Secretary of Sophomore Class; Decorations Committee for Soph Hop; Hi-No-Ar Advertising Manager; Jr. Sr. Social Committee Chairman; Miss Print; Jr.-Sr. Decorating Committee; Homecoming Offices; Chairman of Social Committee; Tri-Hi-Y; Cheerleader Club; Senior Deb; Page of DAR Convention; Campaign Manager; National Honor Society.

**Cecilia Strode**—Classroom Offices; Edsonians; Chorus; Choir; Study Club; Secretary of Mr. Neal Adkins; Typing Service Club; Special Choir.

**Jean Sugg**—Band 1,2,3,4; All-State Band; Junior Music Club; Homecoming Offices; Committee Chairman; NCSC Music and Figure Committee Chairman; Service Club; Radio Broadcasters Club; Soph Hop Program Committee; Concert Band; Intramural Activities.

**Barbara Taylor**—Tri-Hi-Y; SOS Club; Homecoming Offices; Dramatics Club; Classroom Offices; Mixers Club; Refreshment Committee for Freshman Frolic; Decoration Committee for Christmas Dance; Senior Deb.

**Jean Taylor**—Dramatics Club; Food Committee for Freshman Frolic; Student Organization Representative; Radio Broadcasters Club; Majorette Club; Head Majorette; Homecoming Officer; Choir.

**Oscar Taylor**—Eagle Scout; Jr. Red Cross Club 1,2; Drama Club; Science Club.

**Ronald Thomas**—Study Club.

**Henry Thompson**—Blackbird Staff; Homecoming Offices; Edsonians 1,2,3,4; Black Masquers 3,4; Dramatics Club; Red Cross Club; Radio Broadcasters Club; Committee Chairman for Soph Hop; Decoration Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Cast of "Ladies in Retirement"; Stage Crew 2,3; Prom Queen; Stage Crew; Sound Technician; Committee Chairman Freshman Frolic.

**Philip Threatt**—Treasurer of Hi-Y; President of Hi-Y; Delegate to Interstate Hi-Y Conference; JV Football; Hot Stove League; Intramurals.

**Tony Thompson**—Freshman Orientation Committee; Cheerleaders Club; Classroom Offices; Homecoming Offices; Alternate Delegate to Boys' State Convention; Entertainment Committee for Freshman Frolic; Devotional Committee for Junior Class; Service Club; Sophomore Concession Stand Committee; Clean-Up Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Hi-Y Queen; Spellman Champion of Junior Class; National Honor Society; Commencement Marshal; Hi-No-Ar Staff; Vice-President of Senior Class; Marshall for North Carolina Student Council Congress; Chaplain of Service Club; Mixers Club; Nominating Committee for Senior Class; Miss Print; Spelling Champion of School; President of National Honor Society; Jr. Figure Queen; Chairman of Graduation Committee for Commencement Exercises.

**Earlene Valentine**—Choir Club 1,2; FHA 8,4; Club Officer FHA; Choir.

**Tommy Vaughan**—Homecoming President; Social Committee; Student Council; National Jamboree 1953; JV Football 1,2; Varsity Football; Best Boy of the Week; Treasurer of Sophomore Class; President of Junior Class; Chairman of Student Organization; National Honor Society; Vice-President of National Honor Society; Rotary Club Boy of the Month; Senior Superlative; BAPOS; Hi-No-Ar Staff; Jr. Red Cross Club; Eagle Scout; Delegate to NHS Convention; Delegate to Boys State; Fire Drill Committee; Commencement & NCSCC Marshall.

**Peggy Vick**—Freshman Tri-Hi-Y; Dramatics Club; Radio Broadcasters 2,3; Service Club; Student Organization Representative; Edsonian Dramatic Organization; Food Committee for Freshman Frolic; Intramural Volleyball; Decoration Committee for Jr.-Sr.

**Bibi Walker**—Homecoming Offices; Service Club; Elections Committee; Figure Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Mixers Club; Choir Club.

**G. C. Warren**—Band; Gun Club; Study Club; Personal Typing Club; Gym Club.

**Henry Warren**

**Tom Warren**—Handicraft Club; Wildlife Club 2,4; Gun Club.

**Pat Warren**—Gun Club; B-Squad Roothall 1; Homecoming Sergeant-at-Arms; Choir 3,4; Track; Varsity Football 2,3,4; Captain, Football Team; All-Eastern; Honorable Mention All-State; Joyce Blocking Trophy 3,4; BAPOS; N. C. Football Scholarship; Hi-Y; Traffic Committee; Honorable Mention All-State 3.

**Jay Weaver**—Handicraft Club; Atomics and Electronics Club; Gun Club; Wildlife Club.

**Pat Weaver**—B-Squad Football 1; Tennis 2,3,4; Fire Drill Committee; Eagle Scout; Freshman Social Committee; God and Country Award.

**C. D. Webf**—Caterpillar Helper; Study Club; Hunting and Fishing Club; Photography Club.

**Sara White**—Officer of Tri-Hi-Y; Homecoming Offices; Secretary of Mixers Club; Cheerleaders Club; Good Sports Club; Radio Broadcasters Club; Classroom Offices.

**Lymon Whitehead**—Transfer Student; Edsonians 3; Master of Ceremonies for Jr.-Sr. 3; Study Club 3; SOS Club Vice-President; Homecoming Offices 3,4; Cheerleader 4; Runner-up for Mr. Rocky Mount Senior High School 4.

**Nell Wiggins**—Good Sports Club; Junior Music Club Treasurer; Homecoming 4; Homecoming Offices; Senior Sub Deb; Edsonians; Sub Deb Club; Contestant in District Piano Contest; Candidate for Treasurer of Senior Class; National Honor Society.

**Carolyn Wilder**—Classroom Offices; Homecoming Offices; Mixers Club; Choir.

**Billy Wilhaf**—Mixers Club; President of Homecoming; BAPOS; Social Committee; Wild Life Club; Track; Football 4; Edsonians; Decorating Committee Jr.-Sr.; Hi-Y; Dramatics Club; Host to NCSCC; B-Squad Football; Soph Hop Food Committee.

**Glen Williams**

**Jean Williams**—Student Organization Representative 1,2; Tri-Hi-Y Offices; Vice-President of Sophomore Class; Invitations & Favors Committee for Jr.-Sr.; Homecoming Offices 1,2; Mixers Club Program Chairman; Edsonians; Nominations Committee 2; Program Committee 4; Classroom Offices; Cheerleaders Club; Blackbird Staff; Art Editor; Senior Club; Dramatics Club; "Miss Print"; Runner-up 4; Decoration Committee for NCSCC Dance; Student Directory Committee 3.

**Willard Williams**—Edsonians; Dramatic Club 1,2; Mixers Club 2; Band Club 4; Band Captain; Jr.-Sr. Entertainment Committee; DeMolay; Classroom Offices; Junior Music Club; Club Offices; Concert Band 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y.

**Minnie Lou Williamson**—Student Organization Representative; National Honor Society; Good Sports Club; District Piano Award; Adult Award; Jr.-Sr. Figure; Food Committee for Freshman Frolic; Piano Accompanist for Choir; Homecoming Offices; Junior Music Club; Secretary of Senior Class.

**Barbara Winstead**—Typing Club; Choir Club; Dramatics Club; Music Lovers Club; Club Officer; Choir.

**Cecil Winstead**

**Ella Wood**—Homecoming Officer; Red Cross Representative; Classroom Officer; Radio Broadcasters; Refreshment Committee for Sophomore Hop; Tri-Hi-Y.

**William Wright**—Study Club; Gun Club; Bible Club.

**Anna Yelverton**—Student Organization Representative 3; Elective Committee; Homecoming Committee; Commencement Dance 2,3; Secretary of Sophomore Class; Nominating Committee for Sophomore Class; Service Club; Nominating Committee for Student Organization 4; Miss Print Candidate 3; Campaign Manager 4; Social Committee; Tri-Hi-Y Officer; Camp Director; Cheerleaders Club; Senior Deb; National Honor Society.

**Gretchen Zabawa**—Choir Club; Tri-Hi-Y; Red Cross 2; Construction Committee 2; Social Committee 3; Chairman of Decorations for Christmas Party 3; Bible Club Secretary; Worker in Guidance Center 3; Social Committee 4; SOS Club.

Luzerne,

This year really has been fun, but aren't you glad we still have one more ahead of us! I hope we'll have good times together and I hope there will be many more ahead of us. Even though you are an "idiot" most of the time, you're a good one - always good-humored & lots of fun! I'm looking forward to next year. Love,

Love,  
Jean

Well, we've really had  
a grand time this  
year!!  
I well remember  
our night - party,  
etc.  
You - I was  
so sweet.  
Good luck.  
Love,  
Sue.

Look.  
Fact. D.

*Joe and  
the  
cake  
box*

Dear Prueanne,  
This year has  
been great  
till ~~now~~ This summer  
and the BEACH PARTY!  
Get a ~~well~~ swell  
time.  
Betty Rose.

*Lotte  
Row*

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Dear Luanne,

I've known you a long time and am real proud to be your friend, but I just don't know how to begin to describe what a really wonderful person you are! I miss living behind you - we don't get to see each other enough since you've moved. I want to wish you all the luck in the world - if anyone deserves it more - it's you! Hope to see ya this summer.

Love,  
Carolyn S.

Dear Luanne,

Aint we had fun! Really this year has absolutely been the best ever. You and Jimmy and Dan and I have had some great times and so have just you and I. Next year is really the year so I'll write again then but you are really the greatest and you have shown it!

Lots of love,  
Jo Dake

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